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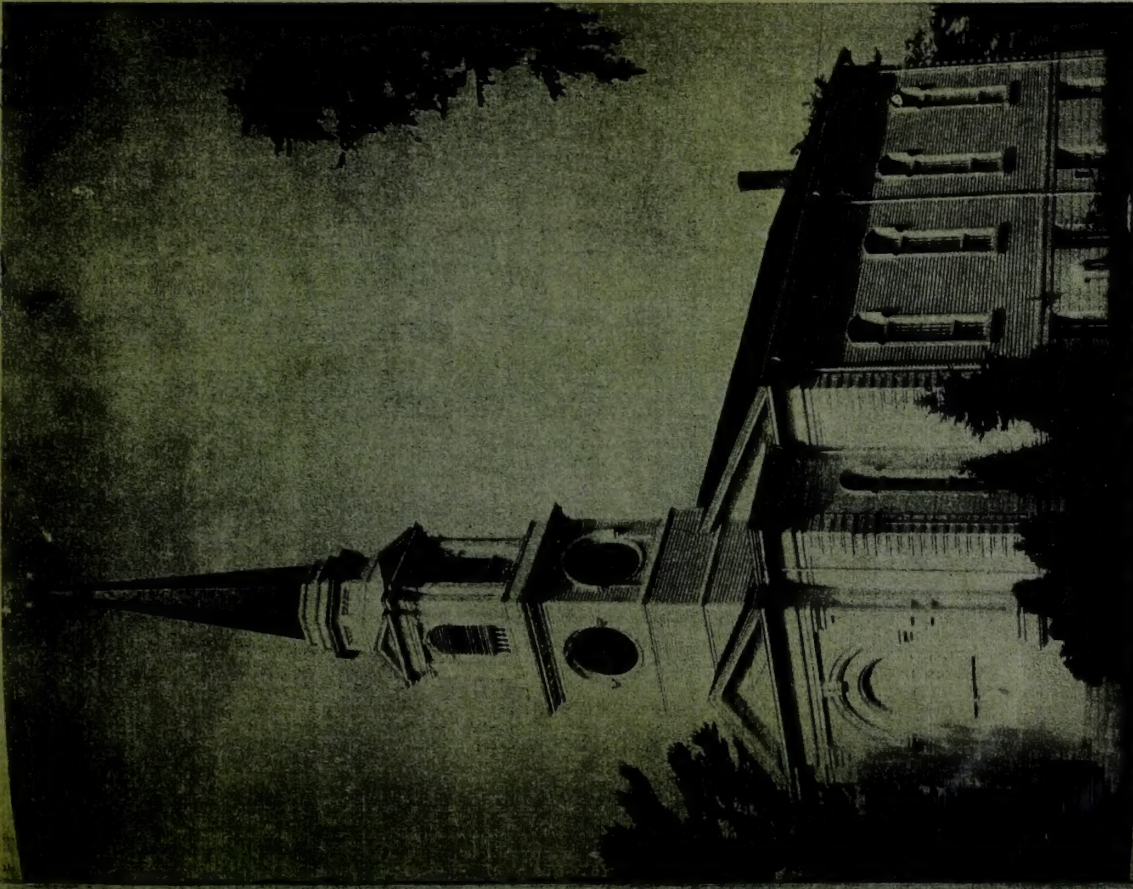


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ANNUAL REPORT of the
TOWN OF WILMINGTON
For the Financial Year Ending December 31
1951

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DIRECTORY OF OFFICIALS

Officers and Department Heads

| | | |
|----------------------------------|---------------------------|--------------------------|
| Accountant | Robert H. Peters | telephone* 2526 |
| Animal Inspector | Ralph B. Odiorne | 3524 |
| Building Inspector | Ernest B. Rice Sr. | 2947 |
| Cemetery Superintendent | Ernest W. Eames | 3639 |
| Clerk | Mary E. Gilligan | 3014 |
| Collector | Miriam H. Ware | 3014 |
| Constable | Harry J. Ainsworth | 3468 |
| Counsel | Philip B. Buzzell | 2026 |
| Dog Officer | Leo E. LeBlanc | 3374 |
| Dump Custodian | David Brabant | 2863 |
| Extension Service Director | John R. Evans | 3474 |
| Fire Chief { | Arthur J. Boudreau | { fire 421 other 3346 |
| Forest Fire Warden { | Dr. Gerald A. Fagin | 3444 |
| Health Agent | James H. White | 3481 |
| Highway Superintendent | Esther Hall | |
| Librarian | Dean C. Cushing | 3311 |
| Manager | David I. Elfman | 3520 |
| Moderator, Town | Esther Nichols, R.N. | 3744 |
| Nurse, School | Ann E. Butters, R.N. | 2211 |
| Nurse, Town | Paul J. Lynch | 3331 |
| Police Chief | Clifford J. Good | 2052 |
| School Superintendent | Samuel Pike | |
| Sealer Weights and Meas. | Herbert Thrush | 2264 |
| Slaughtering Inspector | Grace Tilley | 3081 |
| Treasurer | John William Babine | 3321 |
| Tree Warden | Frederick Horton | 2994 |
| Veterans' Agent | Edmund H. Sargent | 3711 |
| Water Superintendent | Walter G. Buckle | 2211 |
| Welfare Agent | | |

*telephone numbers are shown as to be changed March 4, 1952.

Boards and Commissions

| | | |
|-------------------------------|---|------|
| Appeal, Board of | Winston S. Chamberlin Carl Heldman, Sec'y Joseph A. Maynard Howard Woolaver, Chmn. | 3126 |
| Assessors, Board of | Louis T. Doucette Olive M. Sheldon Frank F. Walters, Principal Assessor | 3081 |
| Carter Lecture Fund Com. | Alice M. Allen Anna R. Barry Helen Hayward Mildred E. Neilson Guy E. Nichols, Chmn. | 3677 |
| Cemetery Commissioners | William S. Cavanaugh Guy E. Nichols, Chmn. | 3744 |
| Finance Committee | Minot J. Anderson Herbert C. Barrows, Chmn. William P. Curtin, Sec'y Alden S. Eames Frank J. Hadley John G. Hayward Alvin W. Richardson Hobart W. Spring Frank P. Stevens | 3496 |
| Health, Board of | Charles A. Baldwin Gaius E. Harmon, M.D., Chmn. Ralph B. Odiorne | 2211 |
| Housing Authority | William A. Anderson E. Hayward Bliss Ralph R. Currier, Sec'y Joseph M. Grimes, Chmn. Joseph F. McManus | 3323 |
| Library Trustees | Frankline E. Allen, Sec'y Philip B. Buzzell, Chmn. Mervin J. Curl Alona S. Delaney May Hadley | 3817 |
| Planning Board | Edward C. Manning, Chmn. Norman W. Perry John A. Ritchie Elmer H. Woller, Sec'y | 3839 |

Registrars, Board of3014

William I. Coffin
F. Talbot Emery
Mary E. Gilligan, ex officio
Joseph P. Ring

School Committee2052

Closson K. Blaisdell, Chmn.
Ernest M. Crispo
Eleanor F. Grimes, Sec'y
John F. Hartnett
Arthur V. Lynch
John J. Nitchie

Selectmen, Board of3081

Charles H. Black
Henry James Lawler
Kenneth M. Lyons, Chmn.
Frederic P. Melzar
Joseph H. Woods

Trustees of Trust Funds2026

Philip B. Buzzell, Chmn.
Caleb S. Harriman
Edward M. Neilson

Water Commissioners3711

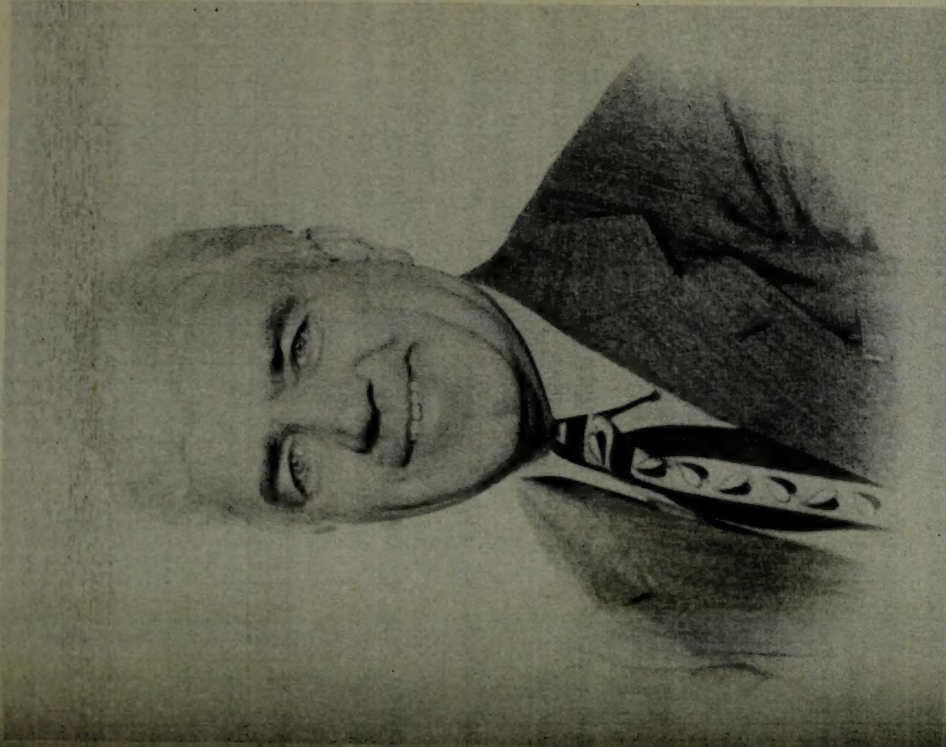
Alden N. Eames
Caleb S. Harriman, Chmn.
William M. Shaughnessey

Welfare, Board of2211

Florence Balkus
Maurice D. O'Neil
Andres P. Ring



IN MEMORIAM



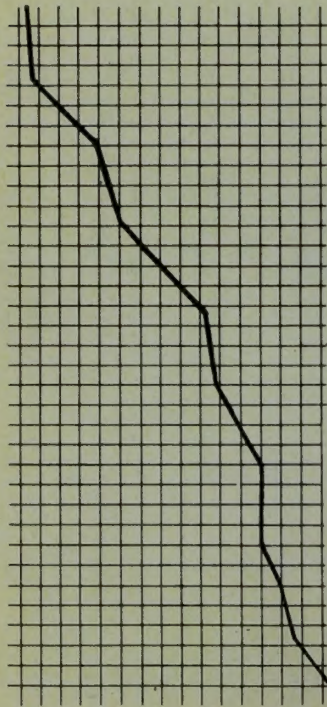
1893

JAMES J. GILLIGAN

1951

Board of Registrars
1932 — 1945
Selectman
1945 — 1948

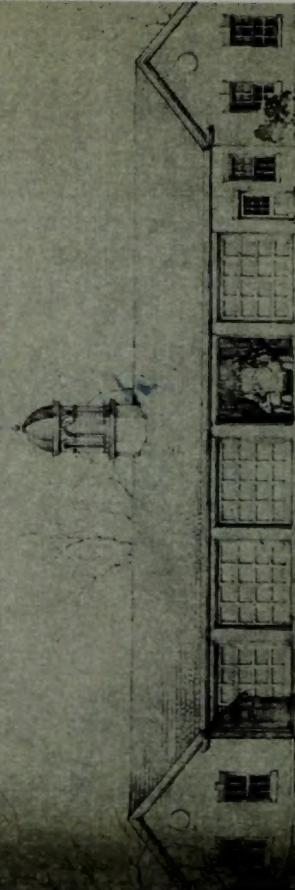
HIGHLIGHTS OF THE PAST YEAR:



- ... adoption of the selectmen-manager plan and the appointment of Dean C. Cushing as Wilmington's first manager on April 16th.
- ... construction of private dwellings and industrial plants reached an all time high.
- ... inducement of diversified industry brought the J. W. Greer Co. from Cambridge and Raffi and Swanson from Chelsea.
- ... all administrative offices of the town were relocated to the renovated town hall for convenience to the public and control of the operations.
- ... park and cemetery department were combined for closer coordination and efficiency.
- ... by vote of the regular town meeting a new police cruiser, a tree department truck and winch and mist blower were purchased to partially solve our equipment needs.
- ... uniforms were purchased for the police department.
- ... undeveloped tracts of land were rezoned for industrial purposes.
- ... state legislature approved funds for the reclamation of swamp lands and mosquito control in the town.
- ... old and dormant tax title property was foreclosed and steered through the courts — some as far back as 1928.
- ... ended the year with a larger percentage of taxes collected, plus a bigger excess and deficiency account which is available for capital expenditures in 1952.

RECOMMENDATIONS FOR THE FUTURE

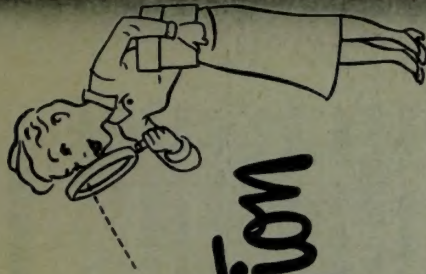
- ... continue to strengthen our financial structure through more militant collection of taxes and water bills, the clearing of our unusually large tax title accounts and the adoption of newer methods of operation in all departments to reduce unit costs.
- ... continue our policy of inducing first class diversified industry to locate and build in the town.
- ... with an improved financial condition and industrial construction, the town can begin its major capital improvement needs: a combined police-fire station for greater efficiency, safety and economy; an elementary school or continued construction of the units of the junior-senior high school; the addition of adequate snow-fighting equipment and road machinery as well as other major equipment items in the several departments.
- ... establishment of a public works department to coordinate these activities and eliminate duplication of work.
- ... centralization of all equipment repairs and maintenance to reduce costs.
- ... establishment of complete by-laws and health regulations and their objective, careful and fair enforcement.
- ... tightening of the requirements of subdivisions to eliminate the burden of water main extension, road surfacing and drainage construction costs on the general property tax.
- ... rezoning of the entire town to fit present day economic conditions.



FRONT ELEVATION OF
PROPOSED NEW QUARTERS FOR
THE FIRE & POLICE DEPARTMENTS
IN THE TOWN OF WILMINGTON



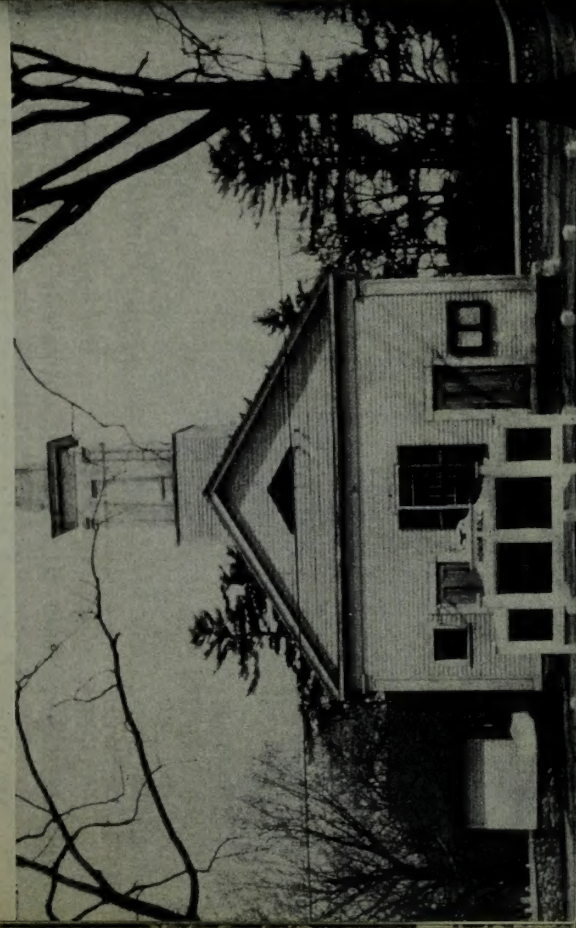
An Inspiration



THE CITIZEN'S PART IN GOVERNMENT

"We ought to regard the interests of the state as of far greater moment than all else; in order that they may be administered well; and we ought not to engage in eager rivalry in despite of equity, nor arrogate to ourselves any power contrary to the common welfare. For a state well administered is our greatest safeguard. In this all is summed up: When the state is in a healthy condition all things prosper; when it is corrupt, all this go to ruin."

Democritus, about 420 B.C.



BOARD OF SELECTMEN



The Board of Selectmen is the governing body of the town. Its five members, all of whom are elected at large, adopt town ordinances, act as the town's licensing board, establish town policy and see that the town manager, who is their appointee, conducts the affairs of the town in the best interests of the citizens.

The selectmen meet regularly at 8:00 PM each Monday night during the winter and every other Monday night during the summer. Special meetings are called by the chairman for the consideration of urgent business.

Under the new charter the selectmen appointed Harry R. Deming as temporary town manager until the appointment of Dean C. Cushing on April 16th. The board of selectmen must approve or disapprove any transfers of funds requested by the town manager in the reorganization of the departments or functions of town government. This was done on two occasions in 1951, once to ease the accounting problems in the Tree and Moth Departments caused by the separate appropriations for these similar activities and again near the end of the year in combining the Cemetery and Park Departments.

The board also held public hearings on various licenses and applications for construction on public ways.

The board of selectmen, acting as a board of survey must lay out all streets prior to their acceptance at the regular town meeting. In addition these lay-outs, signed by the selectmen, must be filed with the town clerk and also posted for the public.

Probably the most important single action of the board in 1951 was the policy taken toward inviting qualified business to locate in Wilmington.

Under the reorganization of the administrative offices of the town which located these functions at the town hall, the town clerk became a full time employee with additional duties as assistant town collector. Due to the increased amount of record keeping necessary to bring all files up to date, the town clerk will be relieved of these above mentioned additional duties with the advent of a new clerk in the town hall, if so voted at the 1952 regular town meeting.

At the time of the reorganization the town clerk's salary was increased from \$1,300.00 to \$2,500 but certain fees which formerly went to the person holding the town clerk's position are now turned over to the town treasury and it is estimated that these fees will absorb nearly all the cost of the salary increase.

The functions of the town clerk's office include those which relate to the conduct of town meetings, the recording of vital statistics, mortgages and conditional sales, the conduct of elections, the collection of certain licenses and fees and the keeping of important documents.

VITAL STATISTICS

| | |
|----------------------------------|-----|
| Births recorded in 1951 | 184 |
| Marriages recorded in 1951 | 97 |
| Deaths recorded in 1951 | 69 |

The Town Clerk will furnish to parents, householders and physicians and midwives applying therefor, blanks for return of births as required by law.

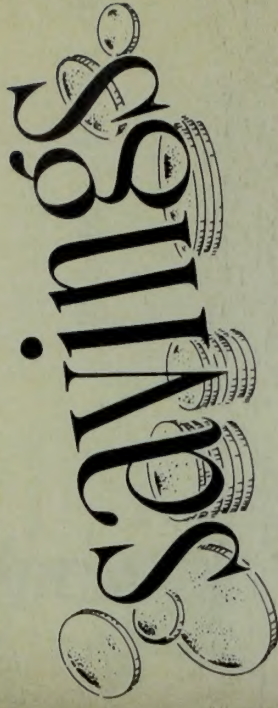
COMPILED RECORDS OF BIRTHS, MARRIAGES AND DEATHS

From 1730 to 1898

| | |
|-------------------------------|----|
| On hand January 1, 1951 | 78 |
| Sold | 1 |
| On hand January 1, 1952 | 77 |

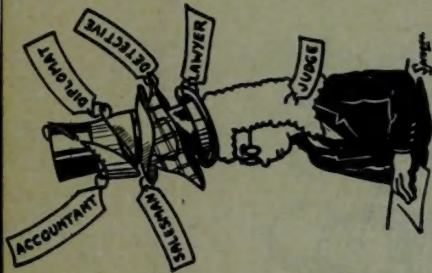
These records are on sale by a vote of the Selectmen at \$1.00 each. Bookstores are allowed to purchase these copies at 50c each and may be obtained from the town clerk.

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|---|-----|
| Number of Dogs Licensed | 662 |
| Kennel Licenses | 17 |
| Licenses—Fishing, Hunting, Sporting | 383 |



The treasurer is responsible for the custody and disbursement of all town funds, including general, water, bond and trust funds. In addition the tax titles held by the town are under the care of the treasurer who also holds low value land sales to put this land onto the tax rolls again by sale to private individuals or put them into the town's tax possessions. At the present time the town is selling no land to private individuals but is taking all land held in low value until the actual worth of this land can be determined by the town manager. The town is now buying sand, gravel and loam taken from land formerly held by the town on two separate occasions. In addition, past low value sales ended with large sections held by speculative buyers who got as much money as possible from quick sales and threw the remains back to the town by non-payment of taxes. This type of land is now being held until a satisfactory building tract comes about through the pooling of several small lots.

| | |
|--|----------------|
| Cash in Treasury January 1, 1951 | \$308,998.75 |
| Receipts Sundries | 664,172.14 |
| Receipts Collector | 469,653.45 |
| Less Treasury Warrants | \$1,442,824.34 |
| Cash in Treasury January 1, 1952 | 1,145,770.10 |
| | \$297,054.24 |



The tax assessor-collector's wardrobe.

BOARD OF ASSESSORS

After placing a valuation on all real estate and personal property including stock in trade, machinery and live stock, it is the duty of the assessors to compute the tax rate as set by the various appropriations voted in town meeting.

The new town charter requires that there shall be three assessors appointed by the town manager, one to be the principal assessor and a full-time employee. This represents a marked departure from the former procedure of electing assessors at the polls.

Due to the impossibility of completely and accurately listing and evaluating over 20,000 pieces of property in the town on a part time basis which had been the system previously, Frank F. Walters, a former assistant attorney general, was appointed in the fall of 1951 as principal assessor to begin the long task of correcting our listings, straightening legal tangles and equalize assessments with the aid of the other two appointees, Louis T. Doucette, a member of the former board and Mrs. Olive M. Sheldon, clerk of the former board.

Plans for the future include a tax equalization survey based upon unit costs and the location and assessment of all property not now listed. Important though these items may seem, they can not possibly be started until 1953 due to the huge job that must be done before any unit tax system can be started.

Valuation of Taxable Property as of January 1, 1951

| | |
|-----------------------------|----------------|
| Real Estate | \$7,749,805.00 |
| Personal Property | 544,988.00 |
| RECAPITULATION | |
| Real Estate Tax | 418,489.47 |
| Personal Property Tax | 29,429.35 |

| | |
|-------------------------------------|------------|
| Poll Tax | 4,480.00 |
| Excise Tax (Estimated) | 25,000.00 |
| Total Appropriation | 714,841.83 |
| Middlesex County Pension Fund | 3,939.40 |
| State Audit | 71.98 |
| State Parks and Reservations | 902.49 |
| County Tax | 10,439.94 |
| Tuberculosis Hospital | 4,587.15 |
| Amount of Overlay | 17,407.51 |
| Gross Amount to be Raised | 756,627.69 |

| | |
|--|------------|
| Total Estimated Receipts and Available Funds | 304,228.87 |
| Total Amount Levied on Polls and Property and committed to the Collector in 1951 | 452,398.82 |

Tax Rate per \$1,000, for 1951 — \$54.00

TABLE OF AGGREGATES FOR WILMINGTON OF POLLS, PROPERTY AND TAXES, AS ASSESSED January 1, 1951

Compiled from the figures entered in the Valuation List not including figures relating to Exempted Property or to the Motor Vehicle and Trailer Excise.

| Number of Persons Assessed | | Individuals | | All Others | | Total |
|---|------|-------------|------|------------|----------------|-------|
| On Personal Estate Only | 17 | 18 | 35 | | | |
| On Real Estate Only | 3159 | 37 | 3196 | | | |
| On Both Personal and Real Estate | 109 | 9 | 118 | | | |
| Total number of Persons Assessed | 3349 | | | | | |
| Total number of Polls Assessed | 2240 | | | | | |
| Value of Assessed Personal Estate | | | | | | |
| Stock in Trade | | | | \$ | 69,890.00 | |
| Machinery | | | | | 45,165.00 | |
| Live Stock | | | | | 50,953.00 | |
| All Other Tangible Personal Property | | | | | 378,980.00 | |
| Total Assessed Value of Personal Estate | | | | \$ | 544,988.00 | |
| Value of Assessed Real Estate | | | | | | |
| Land exclusive of buildings | | | | | \$1,534,545.00 | |
| Buildings exclusive of Land | | | | | 6,215,260.00 | |
| Total Value of Assessed Real Estate | | | | | 7,749,805.00 | |
| Total Valuation of Assessed Estate | | | | | 8,294,793.00 | |
| Taxes for State, County and City or Town Purposes, including Overlay: | | | | | | |
| On Personal Estate | | | | | 29,429.35 | |
| On Real Estate | | | | | 418,489.47 | |
| On Polls | | | | | 4,480.00 | |
| Total Taxes Assessed | | | | | 452,398.82 | |

Number of Live Stock Assessed

| | |
|---|-------|
| Horses (1 year old, or over) | 40 |
| Neat Cattle: (1 year old, or over) | 102 |
| Cows (Milch) | 42 |
| Bulls 3 Oxen 0 Yearlings: steers 0 heifers 39 | 549 |
| Swine (6 months old, or over) | 2 |
| Sheep (6 months old, or over) | 11123 |
| Fowl | 803 |
| All Other | 10043 |
| Number of Acres of Land Assessed | 2299 |
| Number of Dwellings Assessed | |

TOWN OWNED PROPERTY — REAL ESTATE

| | |
|--|--------------|
| Water Department — 150 acres of land and buildings | \$416,000.00 |
| Schools — Approx. 29 acres of land and buildings | 629,800.00 |
| Town Park — 93 acres of land | 4,500.00 |
| Silver Lake Beach | 500.00 |
| Town Hall — 1/4 acre of land and building | 8,000.00 |
| Cemetery — Land and Building | 23,000.00 |
| Library — 1/16 acre of land and building | 2,000.00 |
| Firehouse — 1/16 acre of land and building | 2,750.00 |
| Moth House — 6,694 sq. ft. of land and building | 700.00 |
| Highway Building — 15,500 sq. ft. of land and building | 5,000.00 |
| Common & Flag Staff — 2 acres of land | 2,500.00 |

TOWN OWNED PROPERTY

| Item | Land and Buildings | Furniture and other property | Total |
|--------------------------------|--------------------|------------------------------|-------------|
| Town Hall | \$ 8,000 | \$ 2,500 | \$ 10,500 |
| Police Department | — | 2,500 | 2,500 |
| Fire Department | 2,750 | 28,000 | 30,750 |
| Sealer of Weights and Measures | 300 | 300 | 600 |
| Tree Warden's Department | 4,600 | — | 4,600 |
| Highway Department | 18,000 | — | 18,000 |
| Welfare Department | 1,100 | — | 1,100 |
| Schools | 629,800 | 90,000 | 719,800 |
| Libraries | 2,000 | — | 2,000 |
| Parks, Playgrounds, Gymnasia, | — | — | — |
| Bathhouse | 7,650 | 850 | 8,500 |
| Water Supply Systems | 416,000 | 7,100 | 423,100 |
| Cemeteries | 23,000 | 2,000 | 25,000 |
| Airport | 2,300 | — | 2,300 |
| | \$1,097,200 | \$156,950 | \$1,254,150 |

You Pay Your Money

TOWN COLLECTOR

To the Town Collector is assigned the responsibility for collecting all money due the Town. There are legal restrictions to which the Collector must adhere. With real estate taxes most all taxpayers send their money in on time. Those who do not, or cannot, pay before November first are by state law charged interest from October first. If these people are still unable to pay at the end of the current fiscal year, demands for payment are sent to them as prescribed by law. With interest continually piling up, it is good business for the taxpayer to pay all his taxes on time. For those people who still have not paid their taxes, the Collector should make a tax taking early in the Spring of the land and buildings assessed.

Due to the large number of uncollected taxes in the Town of Wilmington, it has been impossible for the Collector to catalogue, check and correct all taxes, interest and demands until late in the year so that the town's business operation of clearing the taxes has been running considerably behind schedule each fiscal year. When one stops to realize that all taxes are assessed as of payers of Wilmington nearly two years to raise the money to run the government of the town. Towns do not have any surplus profit accounts as do businesses with which they can operate from one year to the next so that actually all taxes that are not collected in the year assessed means just that amount of money is unavailable to spend for the goods and services that the people voted at that year's town meeting.

With the consolidation of town offices and the expected addition of clerical help for the Town Collector, it is planned that 1952 will see two tax takings, one for unpaid 1950 Real Estate taxes which will be held in April and one for unpaid 1951 Real Estate taxes which will be held in the Fall. It is then planned the 1952 uncollected Real Estate taxes will be cleared up by a tax taking in the Spring of 1953 so that the town will be running as near as possible on a current fiscal year basis.

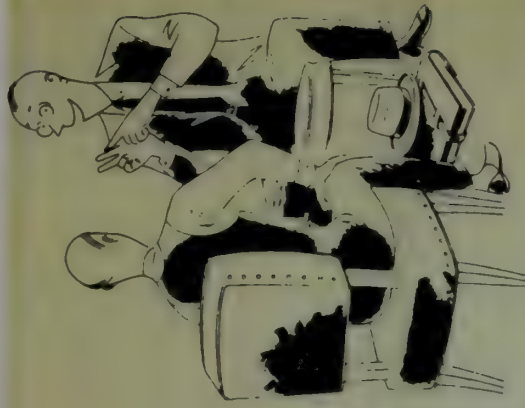
The problem of excise taxes in the town is most disheartening. The Assessors receive a tabulation of motor vehicle excise taxes

to be assessed and committed to the collector. These tabulations run from one to eleven months behind time due to the method of collection prescribed by State Law. In 1951, three commitments were given to the collector in December, some individual assessments running back to January first of that year. If it is difficult to find and collect from an owner of real estate, it is impossible for the collector to find all motor vehicle owners who may be summer residents or persons who live in town for a short period of time. Therefore, it is imperative that the collector turn over all delinquent taxes to a deputy collector (who has the right of arrest) as soon as possible after the legal deadline which is fourteen days after the sending of the demand for payment. The history of the collection of excise taxes in the Town of Wilmington has not been good, due mainly to the large number of transient citizens to whom such taxes have been assessed. To clear these up, the collector must take a militant and forthright stand so that the honest taxpayer who meets his obligations completely and quickly will not be forced to share the burden of those who attempt to shirk the responsibility of paying their taxes.

The more nearly we complete collection of our taxes the better will be our financial rating. This means lower interest rates for temporary loans which are borrowed each year and especially lower interest rates on bonds which would be floated for any capital expenditure such as a school building.

The tax collection picture for 1951 over 1950 shows much improvement in that the figures outlined in the Accountant's report show that with a greater commitment than 1950, tax collections for 1951 for real estate and polls were \$6,000 to the good. With the increase in our excess and deficiency account from \$132,000 to \$187,000 and this decrease in uncollected taxes gives us a free cash situation of \$86,000; three times better than it was at the time of the audit at the end of March 1951.

Personal property taxes are a difficult problem in that a large proportion of the people who are assessed Personal Property taxes do not file a list stating that they do not have a valuation sufficient for them to pay a tax on same. The assessors and collector are ordered by law to collect any amount committed so that the collector is duty bound to turn over to the deputy collector to force collection all amounts committed so that the person named on the tax bill is legally liable for same until he proves that his property was not of sufficient value to be assessed under the personal property statute.



TOWN COUNSEL

The Town of Wilmington acquired a new basic law for the government of its municipal affairs in 1951. The new charter is a brief document in which legal terminology has been reduced to a minimum so that it can easily be understood by the layman.

Although the charter attained clarity, it did not dispense with the need for legal interpretation in applying its requirements, to the conduct of town government. The body of ordinance law, enacted over the years, has to be reviewed to determine what parts must be revoked.

A large number of ordinances require revision to bring them into line with the selectmen-manager form of government. At the same time many cases pending for the town had to be acted upon as the following report shows:

A. On January 1, 1951, there were pending the following actions by or against the Town (exclusive of actions in which the Town was merely summoned as trustee, and in which it had no interest, and of tax lien foreclosure proceedings in the Land Court):

City of Lowell v. Town of Wilmington, District Court of Lowell. (Action of contract by City of Lowell to recover the sum of \$275.96 for special vocational training of certain pupils.)

City of Lowell v. Town of Wilmington, District Court of Lowell. (Action of contract by City of Lowell to recover \$657.77 plus interest for aid furnished in a public welfare case.)

City of Lowell v. Town of Wilmington, District Court of Lowell. (Action of contract by City of Lowell to recover \$721.90 for aid furnished in a public welfare case.)

Town of Wilmington v. A Certain Defendant, Fourth District Court of Eastern Middlesex. (Action of contract under G.L. Chap. 117, Sec. 5.)

Jacob Levine & Sons v. Town of Wilmington, Fourth District Court of Eastern Middlesex. (Action of contract to recover burial expense.)

Chester T. Horton, Inspector of Buildings v. Ann Briguglio and Ann's Duck Farm, Inc. Middlesex Superior Court. (Bill in equity to restrain violations of building and zoning by-laws.)

Town of Wilmington v. Edward N. Gadsby et als, Commissioners of Department of Public Utilities and Boston and Maine Railroad Company, Supreme Judicial Court, Suffolk County. (Petition to review certain rulings and orders of the Department of Public Utilities in connection with protection at the Middlesex Avenue Grade Crossing of the Boston and Maine Railroad.)

Town of Wilmington v. Arthur S. Flint, Middlesex Superior Court. (Bill in equity to restrain defendant from further prosecuting an action against the Town to recover for flooding of his land.)

Arthur S. Flint v. Town of Wilmington, Middlesex Superior Court. (Action at law to recover for flooding of plaintiff's land.)

Leo E. VanSteensburg, Inspector of Bldgs. Town of Wilmington vs. Robert J. Moran et al. Middlesex Superior Court. (Bill in equity to restrain violations of the building and zoning by-laws.)

Blanche E. McQuaid v. Ernest Rice, Sr. Building Inspector and Joseph L. Cunningham et al, Members of the Board of Appeal of the Town of Wilmington, Middlesex Superior Court. (Bill in equity to review action of Board of Appeal denying permit for lunchroom on Grove Avenue.)

Ernest B. Rice, Inspector of Bldgs. of the Town of Wilmington v. Myer Weinberg, Middlesex Superior Court. (Bill in equity to enjoin certain erections and alterations of the building at the corner of Main and Church Streets without a building permit.

Town of Wilmington v. Refrigerator Truck Body Inc. and Harold T. Stanton, Middlesex Superior Court. (Action of tort to recover damages to police car resulting from collision with truck.)

City of Boston v. Town of Wilmington, Suffolk Superior Court. (Action of contract to recover for aid rendered various persons whose legal settlement is supposed to be in Wilmington.)

George E. Reynolds v. Town of Wilmington, Fourth District Court of Eastern Middlesex. (Action of contract by a member of the Board of Assessors to recover compensation for services.)

Francis E. Kelley, Atty. General v. Maurice D. O'Neill et als as Members of the Board of Public Welfare, Suffolk Superior Court. (Petition for writ of mandamus to compel the Board of Public Welfare to furnish aid to dependent children of a certain applicant.)

Samuel Freedman v. Town of Wilmington, Suffolk Superior Court. (Action of tort for personal injuries claimed to have resulted from a defect in the highway.)

Saviour Cardinal v. Town of Wilmington, Fourth District Court of Eastern Middlesex. (Action of tort to recover damages to automobile from alleged defect in highway.)

B. (1) During the year 1951 the following new action was brought by or on behalf of the Town:

Town of Wilmington v. Julia Godzyk, Administratrix of the Estate of Andrew Klebasz, Fourth District Court of Eastern Middlesex. (Action of contract to recover amounts expended by the Town for support and hospital treatment of decedent.)

(2) During the year 1951 the following new action was brought against the Town or its officers or agents (excluding a Land Registration petition in which it developed that the Town had no actual interest.)

Marion J. Murphy v. Ernest Rice, Sr., Bldg. Inspector et al, Middlesex Superior Court. (Equity appeal to review the action by the Board of Appeal in denying a variance under the Zoning By-Law requested by the petitioner.)

C. During the year 1951 the following actions by or against the Town were finally disposed of:

Saviour Cardinal v. Town of Wilmington, Fourth District Court of Eastern Middlesex. (Action of tort to recover damages to automobile from alleged defect in highway.) Disposed of by payment of \$55.00 in settlement of the claim with the approval of the Board of Selectmen and filing of Agreement for Judgment and Judgment Satisfied.

George E. Reynolds v. Town of Wilmington, Fourth District Court of Eastern Middlesex. (Action of contract by a member of the Board of Assessors to recover compensation for services.) Disposed of by agreement for neither party.

Chester T. Horton, Inspector of Buildings v. Ann Briguglio and Ann's Duck Farm, Inc. Middlesex Superior Court. (Bill in equity to restrain violations of building and zoning by-laws.) Dismissed under the rule for disposal of inactive cases in June, 1951, the matters involved in the case having become moot.

Leo E. Van Steensburg, Inspector of Bldgs. Town of Wilmington v. Robert J. Moran et al. Middlesex Superior Court. (Bill in equity to restrain violations of the building and zoning by-laws.) Disposed of by final decree in favor of the plaintiff enjoining any additions or alterations to the building in question.

D. Compensation was received by the Town Counsel in said matters and in all other matters during the year as follows:

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|---------------|----------|
| Compensation | \$575.00 |
| Disbursements | 26.31 |

(The above amounts were entirely on account of services rendered and disbursements paid in the calendar year 1951.)

GOOD READING



THE PUBLIC LIBRARY

As will be seen from the accompanying report of the librarian, the use of the library has increased very substantially during the last year. The extent to which it is used is of course the measure of its value to the town. The increase in its use is largely due to the efficient and faithful service of the librarian, and of course has meant increased work for her. It is for these reasons that we have asked in our budget for a very modest raise in her salary.

We have also asked for a slight increase in the appropriation for book purchases, which of course is far from adequate to keep pace with the production of new and worthwhile books.

It was found impracticable during 1951 to go ahead with the painting of the building, which was allowed for in the 1951 appropriation, and consequently about \$300.00 of that appropriation was returned unexpended. An allowance for the completion of this work has accordingly been included in the budget for 1952.

One of the most important and useful services inaugurated by Mrs. Hall as librarian has been the circulation of books among the elementary schools in the town, through the establishment of so-

called "book corners" in the Walker, Whitefield, West, Maple Meadow, Mildred Rogers, and Silver Lake Portable school buildings. The response of teachers and pupils to this new service has been enthusiastic.

In view of the steady increase in the use of the library and the growth of the town, the Trustees feel that consideration must soon be given to keeping the library open for at least one additional day each week.

REPORT OF THE LIBRARIAN

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|------------------------------|----------|
| Books purchased | 410 |
| Gifts | 175 |
| Books circulated | 8,876 |
| Periodicals circulated | 378 |
| Borrowers registered | 1,085 |
| Fines collected | \$104.33 |

These figures show a substantial increase in activity at the library. The circulation figures would approximate 10,000 if books circulated in the schools since September were counted. However, these books will not be counted until June, 1952. There were 183 books borrowed through interlibrary loan.

Among the gifts given by friends of the library were three books by Ernestine Hill given by Mr. Larz Neilson, a miscellaneous collection given by Miss Sylvia Neilson, town reports from 1911-1943 given by Mr. Alfred Allen, children's books given by Mrs. Doris Tobey, Mrs. June Coombs and Mrs. Ada Kambour, novels, mysteries and westerns, given by Mrs. Thomas Calhoun, Mrs. Laurel Sparkes, Miss Hazel Bump, Mr. and Mrs. William Lawrence and Miss Hosmer. A fine collection of books about horses and horsemanship was given by a friend. Mr. and Mrs. Harold Melzar gave "Hooked rug design" by Kent in memory of Mrs. Alice Cutter and "Nature's ways" by Andrews in memory of Mr. Louis Grossman. Miss Mary Swain gave a scrapbook of Wilmington lore and two town reports of the 1840's. The Whitefield Mothers' Club donated \$10 to be used for purchasing children's books. Many readers have given the paper-backed pocket books which are much enjoyed.

Two Girl Scout troops have held their meetings in the library since October, 1951. A meeting of the Whitefield Mothers' Club was held there in October.

I am grateful for the help given me by the Misses Teresa Fortunata, Joan Sanborn and Kathleen Calnan. These girls worked many hours charging and putting away books and helping to prepare new books for the shelves.

During July and August I prepared several lists of new books which were published in the Wilmington Crusader. Since then, because of school books and new books to be prepared for circulation, I have not had time to prepare these lists. However, there was a good response to them and I feel that good publicity would be most effective in bringing about an increased use of the library by the adults of the town.

AMBULANCE



POLICE

To establish the true value of any police department the yearly reporting must be more than a financial statement of the department or a tabulation of arrests. The extent to which the police have been successful in solving cases and reducing crime are the items to be brought forth, discussed and decided as to how much we are getting from our police functions for our tax dollars. To a great extent crime is reduced in direct proportion to the number of juveniles who can be shown their moral responsibilities to society in a fair and careful handling of their troubles in a friendly

and helpful juvenile hearing before their acts have become too serious to be handled locally. Then, too, a vigilant police force discourages illegal action.

Year by year analysis of the success in clearing cases known to the department is a good way to judge how satisfactory policing is being done. Acceptable records for the past years are not available. The tally sheet for the year 1952 for so-called Part I offenses (major crimes) must be the beginning of Wilmington's records for analysis and will be included in next year's report.

Indicative that minor offenses can be reduced by an alert police department is the handling of the Hallowe'en situation here in Wilmington.

Following is the report of the chief of the police department in accordance with past procedure

ARRESTS

| | |
|-------------------------|-----|
| Number of arrests | 197 |
| males | 190 |
| females | 7 |

CAUSES OF ARREST

| | |
|---|-------|
| Adultery | 1 |
| Assault and battery | 6 |
| Breaking and entering and larceny | 5 |
| Collecting junk w/o license | 2 |
| Delinquent child | 5 |
| Disposing of rubbish on highway | 1 |
| Disturbing the peace | 2 |
| Drunkenness | 71 |
| Larceny by check | 1 |
| Larceny | 2 |
| Neglect of minor child | 1 |
| Non-support | 8 |
| Stubborn child | 1 |
| Trespass | 1 |
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| | 107 |

MOTOR VEHICLE VIOLATIONS

| | |
|------------------------------------|---|
| Attaching plates | 6 |
| Failing to stop at stop sign | 1 |

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| Failing to stop for red light | 4 |
| Failing to stop on signal of officer | 1 |
| Failing to slow on curve | 1 |
| Failing to keep to the right | 2 |
| Failing to display safety sticker | 18 |
| Leaving scene after causing damage | 1 |
| Operating after suspension of license | 1 |
| Operating so as to endanger | 4 |
| Operating w/o license | 5 |
| Operating under the influence of liquor | 5 |
| Operating at excessive speed | 25 |
| Operating unregistered automobile | 8 |
| Operating uninsured automobile..... | 6 |
| Refusing to produce operator's license | 1 |
| School bus law violation | 1 |

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Court action on the above violations resulted in fines amounting to the sum of \$1,345.00. Others had their cases filed, some were given suspended sentences or probation, while others were confined in correctional institutions.

Records also show that the dep't handled 125 ambulance cases and used the cruiser to make 31 emergency trips. Not listed are the numerous routine matters consistent with police work as reported in previous years.

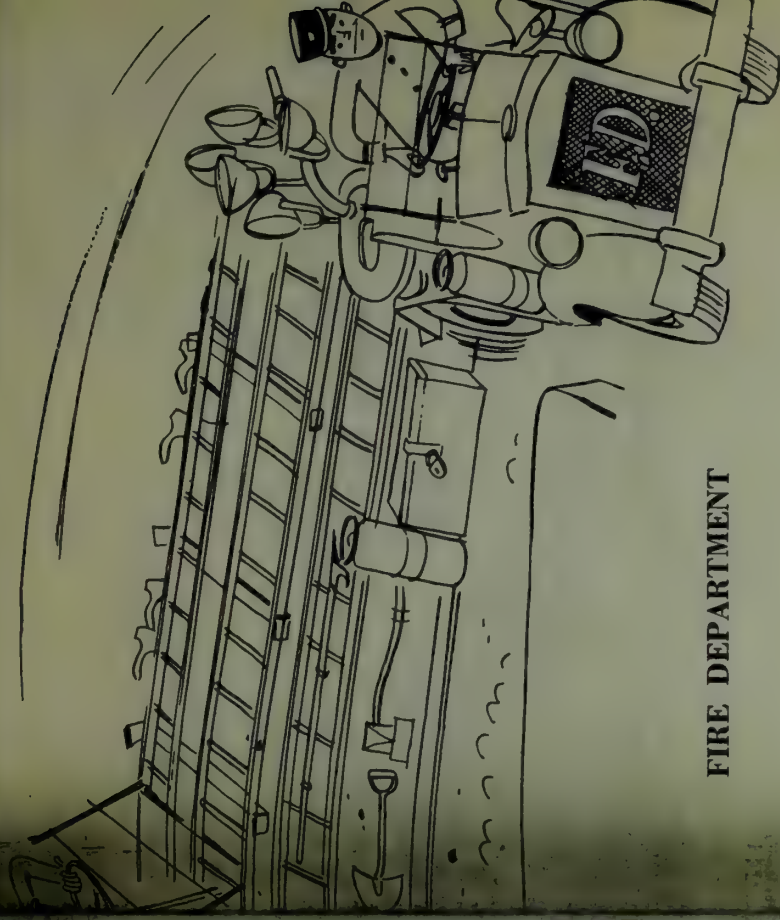
Once again the co-operation of teachers, parents, and the school children resulted in a gratifying reduction in cases of vandalism. We trust that this good work will be continued in the future.

The Department consists of six officers and the Chief, and operates twenty-four hours of the day. This also is true of the ambulance service which is free to all Wilmington residents. The only requirement is that a Doctor authorize the transportation of the patient, except in accidents or other emergencies.

The official telephone number remains the same as in past years, — Wilmington 331. In the event that a busy signal is received on 331, dial 353 — which is a pay-phone located at the Police station. If, during an emergency, you are unable to contact the Police at the above numbers, call the Chief's home, Wilmington 2-7162.

The department wishes to thank the Reading Police for their fine co-operation in receiving and transmitting our radio messages, and for other valuable assistance. We also extend our thanks to the Special officers, the Police Associates and the Boy Scouts for their willingness to provide any special assistance we may need. We are grateful to the Fire Department for its assistance in operating the ambulance. Physical Director Lawrence Cushing has greatly assisted this Department in its School Safety program.

The chief of police wishes to extend thanks to the Town Manager, the Board of Selectmen, Town officials, other departments, and the residents of Wilmington for the co-operation they have shown the Police Department.



FIRE DEPARTMENT

There were 855 permits for burning and 238 for gas and oil storage.

The Department responded to a total of 218 calls of which 46 were bell alarms and 172 were still alarms.

| | | | |
|---------------------|----|-----------------------|-----|
| Buildings | 30 | False | 12 |
| Dumps | 7 | Automobiles | 18 |
| Service Calls | 27 | Chimneys | 6 |
| Out of Town | 3 | Brush and Grass | 101 |
| Oil Burners | 14 | | |

A total of 47,150 feet of hose was laid, 13,250 of 2 1/2" hose, 8,950 feet of 1 1/2" hose and 23,350 feet of booster hose. Ladders raised 480 feet.

Total value of property endangered was \$126,492.00. The loss on property was \$17,677.00.

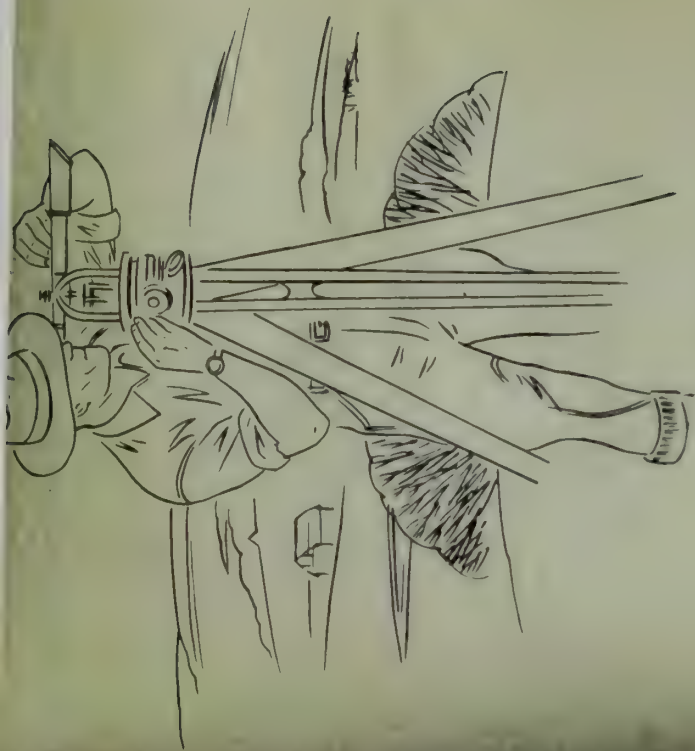
All apparatus and equipment is in good condition except Engine #2 which is a 1927 American LaFrance pumper. This



pumper is in very poor condition and parts are almost impossible to obtain as it is so old. An article was inserted in the town warrant last year for the purchase of a new truck and the article was passed at the meeting since no new garaging facilities were approved. Again this year it is recommended that a new truck be purchased to replace the American LaFrance.

The Fire Station has been condemned for years by the Building Inspector. An article inserted in the town warrant last year was also passed since the necessary zoning law change was not approved.

In 1930 in the 200th Anniversary booklet "Growth and Progress of the Town" it was stated "The present quarters, although not entirely satisfactory for the housing of the apparatus and permanent men, must suffice until the financial standing of the Town will permit its citizens to provide suitable quarters."



HIGHWAYS

The Wilmington highway department has not yet reached the stage where it operates as efficiently as it could. There are some major hurdles of organization and policy formation which must be overcome.

There is no record system established to indicate the actual cost of any specific function or type of work nor can there be until a year of accounting for public works function has past. From such a system can come accurate records on the efficiency of equipment and an analysis for replacement or change in methods.

More effective use of equipment can be made after further study of present methods of handling. Some minor changes have already been put into practice. New construction methods will be started in 1952.

With the completion of all major inhabited roads on the road acceptance list it is now the duty of the town manager to survey all unaccepted streets and plan the continuation of a gravelling program. At the same time a parallel program for the extension of our hard-surfaced roadway system must be undertaken with

the cost of the necessary operations coming from the regular highway appropriation.

Covering an estimated 150 miles of accepted and unacceptable streets and roads is a big job for an eight man crew. Complaints from interested citizens have helped us service the more serious areas first. We hope that the townspeople will continue to help us in this manner but will also realize that years of inadequate highway maintenance and operation can only be corrected with years of carefully laid out corrective operations at the same time that regular improvements are being conducted.

Maintenance

Major work of the highway department is highway maintenance which includes street cleaning, grading and shaping gravel roads, cutting roadside brush, installing and maintaining culverts, patching surface treated roads and streets, cleaning ditches, maintaining emergency highway repairs, some tree work in cooperation with the tree department and cleaning and maintaining catchment basins.

Many rocks which interfere with snowplows and cause extensive damage to equipment will be removed by the water department bulldozer. Water-bars must be cut off gravel roads to save the present surfaces. There must be a continuation over the years of policy of using equipment, rather than hand labor, on all work possible to reduce maintenance costs.

Heavy rains of last year and inadequate drainage from roads, coupled with the high water table of the town caused much damage than is usually found in similar sized towns or cities. The use of a finer type gravel which compacts more closely and can be fully planned provisions for drainage will reduce washing out of these streets in the future.

Maintenance costs should be higher in 1952 due to the "open winter" which broke many street surfaces by freezing and thawing but mixing a coarse aggregate for spot patching and section retreatments by the town crew may keep the cost about the same as 1951.

Oiling

Road oiling is more expensive in Wilmington than it needs to be due to the method of loading sand and the ineffectiveness of

sanding, the present method of applying our sand cover. Backsanding is also unnecessarily hard on the workmen and a new method to be tried in 1952 will reduce the work and the cost of covering our oiled streets.

Oiling must be more extensive in the past to seal over many streets partially broken by the action of sun and cold during the winter. It is planned that all oiling be confined to streets already treated to preserve those surfaces. Any new surface treatments will be made with an asphalt mix of bank run gravel.

Snow Removal

Lack of sufficient snow in 1951 made impossible any final decision concerning the adequacy of the organization for handling snow removal but there is indicated the need of a more equitable allocation of area to be covered by each piece of equipment to reduce maintenance costs and ensure complete coverage of all roads on the first plowing. The inability of the snowplow blades to get down to road surface during the first storms has been corrected by ordering all "bogie" wheels removed from the plow frames and earlier plowing as well as the operation of all equipment at higher rates of speed.

The failure of highway departments in this area to use more salt, or straight salt, when the temperature is above 22° increases the cost of snow removal due to the number of times it is necessary to plow, sand and sand again before roads are clear. Provisions will be made in 1952 to purchase bulk salt which is just over half the price of present bag salt, easier to mix and less work for the men.

State Aid

With a full year's work ahead for our highway department it will be impossible to do any of the Chapter 90 construction for 1951 or 1952 so that these contracts will be let out to bid, early in the spring. Chapter 81 work must be done under the supervision of a state engineer, but continued progress with our own methods will give us sufficient time to complete all back work and all that has been planned for 1952, barring unusually bad weather.

Detailed reports by the superintendent of streets on work done in 1951 is on file at the town manager's office and in the highway department.



WATER COMMISSIONERS

The following streets voted for 1951 extensions of water mains have been completed:

Nassau Avenue,
Cochran Street,
Carter Lane,
Lloyd Road,
Cunningham Street,
Harvard Avenue.

Nine new hydrants have been added to the system and one hundred thirty (130) new services were installed during the year, making a total of seventeen hundred and three (1703) connected to date.

The new Tewksbury water system has been connected with the Wilmington system on Salem Street, thus giving Wilmington added protection in case of an emergency.

The financial statement of the department is included in the report of the town accountant.

Appended hereto and made a part of this report are other statistics concerning the department which may be of interest to the taxpayer.

Water Consumed

| Year | Gal. Consumed | Average per Day |
|------|---------------|-----------------|
| 1947 | 235,033,900 | 643,928 |
| 1948 | 246,821,500 | 674,375 |
| 1949 | 278,656,800 | 763,443 |
| 1950 | 280,475,100 | 768,426 |
| 1951 | 250,813,500 | 687,160 |

Fuel Oil Consumed

| Year | Gal. Used | Cost | Gal. per Mil. | Cost per Mil. |
|------|-----------|-----------|---------------|---------------|
| 1947 | 18314.8 | \$1417.90 | 77.0 | \$ 6.03 |
| 1948 | 23103.1 | 2376.36 | 93.1 | 9.66 |
| 1949 | 29612.4 | 2713.82 | 106.3 | 9.73 |
| 1950 | 30392.4 | 2776.71 | 108.0 | 9.90 |
| 1951 | 24813.2 | 2538.53 | 101.2 | 10.12 |

Lubrication Oil Used

| Year | Gal. Used | Cost | Gal. per Mil. | Cost per Mil. |
|------|-----------|--------|---------------|---------------|
| 1947 | 168 | 120.10 | .72 | .51 |
| 1948 | 152 | 114.00 | .61 | .42 |
| 1949 | 212 | 165.36 | .76 | .59 |
| 1950 | 182 | 141.96 | .65 | .50 |
| 1951 | 245 | 190.49 | .97 | .76 |

Oil Used in Heater

| Year | Gal. Used | Cost |
|------|-----------|--------|
| 1947 | 5167 | 386.99 |
| 1948 | 5614 | 518.59 |
| 1949 | 4150 | 413.29 |
| 1950 | 3599 | 310.41 |
| 1951 | 3854 | 392.00 |

Accounts Receivable

| Service Accounts | 1948 | 1949 | 1951 |
|------------------|-------|-------|--------|
| | 91.68 | 81.77 | 526.04 |

Water Rates

| | |
|-------|---------|
| | 699.49 |
| | 2862.43 |
| | 3561.92 |

Total Cost of Construction

| | |
|-----------------------------|--------------|
| Cost of System Dec. 31/1950 | \$819,994.46 |
| 1951 Nassau Ave. | |
| Carter Lane | |
| Cunningham St. | |
| Cochrane St. | |
| Lloyd Road | |
| Harvard Ave. | |
| Services (137) Total 1710 | 29,402.25 |
| Meters | 11,980.42 |
| | 900.00 |
| | \$862,277.13 |

TREE WARDEN



Tree Dept.

Routine work was carried out during the year such as removing broken limbs, cutting back split tops, cutting down and removing about ten large trees. Four Maple trees were fed with tree fertilizer that were affected with the maple Staggor head blight, also ten elms on Chestnut Street that were affected with the Elm Leaf Beetle. We are doing this work every year to see if we can bring back some of these trees. We are taking a lot of broken branches out. There is a lot to take out yet. We went as far as our money lasted.

Moth Dept.

All street shade trees were sprayed with D.D.T. and spreader and also egg clusters were painted with creosote for control of Gypsy Moth, we also sprayed for Fall web worms. We cut a lot of tent caterpillar nests, and wild cherry bushes and burned them.

Elm Leaf Beetle

Elm trees were sprayed three times with D.D.T. mixture. We cut a lot of dead wood from our Elms and was taken away and burned. We found (1) Dutch elm disease in Wilmington, Mass., on Burlington Ave., ten inch tree, this tree was cut down and burned. We have made 32 tests in 1951, and find that we have but one tree with the Dutch elm disease. This year we are going to make 100 tests on our elms. The Tree Warden has blanks and tags from the State of Massachusetts to send samples to Amherst College.

Don't forget to call the Tree Warden or see the Town Manager about your elm trees and we will see what can be done about them.

The work of the Tree Dept., Moth Dept., and the Elm Leaf Beetle Control was carried on as far as funds were available. Expenditures for the year will be found in the report of the Town Accountant.

SEALER OF WEIGHTS AND MEASURES



| | Sealed | Adjusted | Condemned |
|--|--------|----------|-----------|
| Platform Scales over 5,000 lbs. | 2 | 1 | 0 |
| Platform Scales 100 to 5,000 lbs. | 9 | 6 | 0 |
| Counter Scales under 100 lbs. | 4 | 2 | 2 |
| Spring Scales 100 lbs. or over | 1 | 0 | 0 |
| Spring Scales under 100 lbs. | 18 | 6 | 3 |
| Beam Scales 100 lbs. or over | 3 | 1 | 0 |
| Beam Scales under 100 lbs. | 3 | 1 | 0 |
| Computing Scales under 100 lbs. | 12 | 1 | 2 |
| Personal Weighing Scales | 1 | 0 | 0 |
| Avoirdupois | 12 | 0 | 0 |
| Apothecary | 3 | 0 | 0 |
| Liquid Measure | 18 | 0 | 0 |
| Meters 1 inch inlet | 35 | 2 | 0 |
| Meters over 1 inch inlet | 9 | 6 | 0 |
| Oil Measuring Pumps | 24 | 0 | 0 |
| Grease Measuring Pumps | 6 | 0 | 0 |
| Yard Sticks | 1 | 0 | 0 |
| Leather Measuring Devices | 1 | 0 | 0 |

Sealing Fees Collected and turned over to the Town-Treasurer. \$105.45

The following are weights of Commodities for immediate delivery:

| | Tested | Corrected | Under | Over |
|----------------------------|--------|-----------|-------|------|
| Beans | 31 | 29 | 0 | 2 |
| Bread | 50 | 50 | 0 | 0 |
| Butter | 18 | 18 | 0 | 0 |
| Coal in paper bags | 10 | 10 | 0 | 0 |
| Coal in Transit | 4 | 4 | 0 | 0 |
| Confectionery | 42 | 40 | 0 | 2 |
| Fruits and Vegetables | 30 | 28 | 0 | 0 |
| Lard | 15 | 15 | 0 | 0 |
| Potatoes | 28 | 28 | 0 | 0 |

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|-----------------------------------|----|
| Number of Licenses Inspected | 17 |
| Hawkers and Peddlers Seals | 2 |
| Junk Dealers | 5 |
| Clinical Thermometers | 7 |

Expenses of Department as follows:

| | |
|-------------------------|-----------|
| Appropriation | \$ 325.00 |
| Total Expenses | 324.96 |
| Unexpended Balance | \$.04 |

likely to give rise to conditions that some may consider nuisances. The Board wishes to treat the differing points of view sure to arise from this situation as impartially as possible, and ask the cooperation of all in reaching decisions in the best interest of the entire town.

Dumping

The Board wishes to call the attention of the citizens to the unsightly conditions that exist along our highways due to the roadside dumping of rubbish, garbage, refuse, bottles, cans, etc. In addition, it has been called to the Board's attention that there is dumping by one person on another person's land without permission. Both of these practices are prohibited by law. The cooperation of everyone is asked in making Wilmington a clean and attractive town.

Inspections

Many inspections have been made and more will be required in the future to maintain an efficient and expanding public health service. Inspections have not only been made in handling complaints, but also before granting licenses to nurseries, kindergartens, boarding houses, food establishments, and upon request to give advice on health and sanitary matters. While this list is a partial one, it will give some evidence of the Board's activity along inspectional lines.

Dangerous or Communicable Diseases

During the period of the Board's existence, 60 cases of such diseases have been reported to the Board but this number is far short, no doubt, of the total number that occurred. During this period, fortunately, there were no serious epidemics brought to the attention of the Board. The Board respectively requests the cooperation of both physicians and householders, as required by law, in reporting promptly all known cases of dangerous diseases as listed by the Massachusetts Department of Public Health.

Hospitalization

As provided by law, the Board has approved hospital bills for persons of Wilmington settlement, as follows:

The number of tuberculosis patients has varied from 4 at the beginning of the period to 2 at the end. There were



BOARD OF HEALTH

The report of the Board of Health for the last nine and a half months of 1951 is hereby submitted.

The present Board of Health came into being by appointment in accordance with the provisions of an act establishing a Town Manager Form of Government for the Town of Wilmington. The first meeting of the Board was held March 15, 1951 and a meeting has been held regularly each week ever since.

At the outset, the Board had to spend much time in learning its duties and developing efficient routine methods of procedure. There were appointments to be made and a large number of applications for licenses, and complaints to be handled. In addition, there was the necessity of becoming acquainted with the State laws relating to public health and the Board's duties and responsibilities as set forth in these laws.

Complaints

The Board has received 27 written complaints, some of which involved conditions of a nature presenting great difficulties as far as their solution is concerned. However, as of the first of the year, 23 of the complaints are considered closed, and 4 are still pending. It would appear that Wilmington is in a period of changing over from a rural community to a residential one in which certain existing agricultural and industrial pursuits are

two premature births, and a case of communicable disease during 1951, placing financial obligation on the Town.

Waste Disposal

In all too many instances, the waste disposal of houses in Wilmington is unsatisfactory as evidenced by overflowing cess-pools, bubbling sub-surface works and the backing up of sewage into the sanitary fixtures in the house. There are certain factors in this problem which may well be mentioned.

1. In the absence of a public sewerage system, each dwelling requires its own waste disposal plant.
2. The low altitude of Wilmington and the presence of large areas of wet, soggy and swampy land complicate the securing of adequate drainage.
3. Many dwellings have been erected on lots on which the ground water level is too near the surface to make adequate drainage possible.
4. Under such circumstances the problem is further complicated by the extra amount of water piped through the house, in addition to rainwater which the surrounding ground has to take care of. In such circumstances, the drainage capacity of the ground is exceeded with the results indicated above.

The solution of this problem would seem to lie in avoiding the use of lots for which the ground water level is too near the surface, or the soil is too impervious, or both. Furthermore, a well planned system of waste disposal should be worked out in advance of construction, for each dwelling unit in relation to soil conditions, ground water level and volume of liquid wastes to be handled. After much thought, the Board under authority granted it by State law has adopted rules and regulations, which, it is hoped will focus the attention on the waste disposal problem and contribute to a solution of the problem to the greater satisfaction of the ultimate owner. The cooperation of buyers of lots, prospective house owners and builders, should reduce unnecessary annoyance, repair bills and the development of nuisances.

Food and Milk

During the summer an inspection was made of our milk and food establishments by Mr. Ernest C. Cloon, State Food Inspector, Division of Food and Drugs, Massachusetts Department of Pub-

lic Health. A reinspection was made in the Fall. These inspections brought out certain flaws, many of which have been corrected or improved. In the absence of sufficient inspectional staff, the service thus supplied was of great assistance.

Nursing Service

The activities of the Public Health Nurse, Miss Butters, will be found listed and described in her annual report.

Needs

The Board of Health, in planning to supply adequate public health service for our rapidly growing town, needs the following, among others:

1. More office and clinic space.
2. Additional inspectors and clerical help.
3. Completion of Public Health rules and regulations which the Board is working on.
4. An increase in budget.

In conclusion, the Board wishes to express its appreciation of the cooperation received from Miss Ann E. Butters, R.N. and Dr. Gerald Fagan, our employees, the Town Manager, and from our fellow citizens. Be assured that the Board of Health is striving for a clean, attractive, healthy town to which we all can point to with pride.

TUBERCULOSIS REPORT FOR 1951

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|---|-----|
| Cases on register January 1, 1951 | 25 |
| Number moved in from other places | 1 |
| New cases reported during year | 1 |
| Total | 27 |
| Deaths reported during year | 1 |
| Number placed on inactive list | 7 |
| Number who moved away | 2 |
| Total | 10 |
| Number remaining on register December 31, 1951 | 17 |
| Number of these cases in sanatorium December 31, 1951 | 2 |
| Number of people transported to North Reading State San. and Middlesex County San. for x-rays | 104 |

INSPECTOR OF SLAUGHTERING

There was no slaughtering inspected during the year 1951.
Respectfully submitted,

Herbert Thrush

PUBLIC HEALTH NURSE

Nursing Service

The purpose of this service is to render skilled nursing care to individuals in the community upon request by a physician, and is available to every individual living within the Town of Wilmington.

Nursing visits for 1951373
Fees collected for these visits\$323.00

Immunization Clinics

This year a new immunization program was introduced in the town; sponsored by the Board of Health, and held with the cooperation of the Superintendent of Schools and with the assistance of the School nurse. In the Spring, the clinic was held for all preschool children. For the first time it offered protection against diphtheria, whooping cough and tetanus. Four clinics were held and 90 children were immunized. In the Fall a Booster clinic was held. This clinic was available to all children in Grades I & II and booster doses were given to 110 children. A similar program is being planned for the coming year; its purpose being to give this protection before children enter school and it is hoped that all parents will take advantage of such protection for their children either through their own private physician or at the clinic held in the Spring.

Health Services

During the year, 187 health visits were made. This service is offered to mothers with new babies, families and individuals who have health problems or related social problems. It aims to prevent illness and to promote health through such public health practices as are the accepted part of a nurse's visit. This service also includes helping, and acquainting families and individuals with community resources and facilities whereby they may formulate plans for the protection and promotion of their own health and well being.

Miscellaneous inspections12

To all who have helped in this program, sincere thanks and appreciation.

INSPECTOR OF ANIMALS



Number of dog bites reported 44
Number of dogs showing physical signs of rabies 0
Number of animals submitted to laboratory examination 1
All biting animals were quarantined for the period of time prescribed by law.
Number of animals quarantined 44
Number of animals released from quarantine 44
Number of dogs released from Interstate Shipment 0

Laboratory Report

Positive 0
Negative 1

Inspection of Domestic Animals and Premises Where Animals Are Kept

Number of premises keeping domestic animals inspected 42
Number of cattle inspected 185
Number of horses inspected 35
Number of hogs inspected 3167
Number of goats inspected 55
Number of sheep inspected 14
Number of cattle released from Interstate Shipment 0
Number of cattle reacting to the Tuberculin Test 0

All special work assigned to me by the Department of Livestock Disease Control was promptly attended to.

ACTIVITIES OF THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY EXTENSION SERVICE



Middlesex County maintains an Extension Service in Agriculture and Home Economics for the benefit of all towns within the County. This service is available to all citizens, especially farmers, home gardeners, homemakers, rural youth and 4-H Club boys and girls.

The work is developed by an unpaid Board of Trustees who maintain a staff of agents at the headquarters at 19 Everett Street, Concord. The trustees appoint a director in each town to represent them in all phases of Extension Work or in a few cases towns elect a director and make an appropriation to help defray local expenses.

In addition to farm and home visits made upon request, local meetings are held or sectional or county-wide meetings or tours are helps available to everyone. A monthly bulletin is published, timely letters mailed on spraying, fertilizing, seeding, poultry problems, information to homemakers, boys' and girls' 4-H work or general community problems.

Some of the activities that took place last year in Wilmington are as follows:

Educational work with the dairymen was concentrated on programs to assist the farmers in solving their problems of rais-

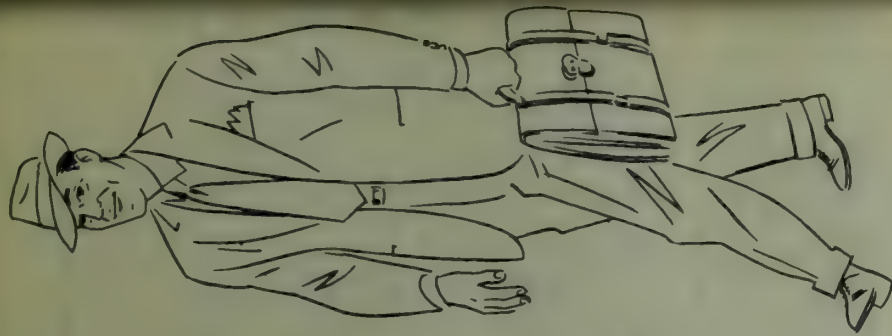
ing better roughage, diseases control and milk marketing. Farm and home visits were made to farmers and home gardeners who desired help with their production problems. Increased efficiency, flock health, greater breeding progress, and better marketing practices were the principal goals of the Extension Poultry Program. Efficient management practices and equipment were among the topics discussed at meetings of the Eastern Middlesex County Poultry Association, held at the Northern Residents' Association Hall on the first Tuesday of the month. Anthony A. Marmiani, and Theodore E. Thomas were enrolled in the Middlesex Flock Health Program, through which the Extension Service is attempting to help poultrymen and turkey growers to keep their flocks healthy. Rabbit breeders were given assistance through the Middlesex Commercial Rabbit Association, which meets monthly at the Extension Service "Schoolhouse" in Concord.

Mrs. A. G. Hutchins and Mrs. Arthur Domenicis were active Wilmington representatives at the Women's Advisory Council. Among the extension classes were food preservation, sandwich making demonstration and "New Ideas in Food Preparation". Wilmington women attended the sewing machine clinics as well as a clothing class in coat making. The "Effective Windows" project was also very popular in Wilmington. Miss Barbara Higgins, state specialist, presented a meeting "Getting the Most for your Money". The Christmas gift kit was shown in several group meetings. Four women attended Camp Middlesex in Ashby.

Eighty-eight boys and girls were enrolled in 4-H Club work, carrying on activities in clothing, food, craft, home furnishing, garden, poultry, livestock and electricity. The clubs were under the leadership of Miss Barbara Nims, who was also Chairman of the Town Committee, Mrs. Arthur Williams, Mrs. Margery White, Mrs. Anthony Marmiani, Mrs. Elmer H. Waller, Mrs. Maurice O'Neil, Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Lafonatis, Mrs. Rose Eames, Miss Janiss White, Miss Priscilla Palmer, David Manson, and Robert Jensen.

A large exhibit and achievement program was carried out in May in the Betterment Hall. Worthy of special mention was Mrs. Arthur Williams' home furnishing group, whose members made beautiful hooked rugs. Ralph Clifford took part in a State 4-H Demonstration Contest at the University of Massachusetts, receiving an excellent award on his demonstration on "Safety with Electricity."

JOHN P. EVANS
Town Director



BUILDING INSPECTOR

237 permits issued as follows:

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|--------------------------------|-----------------|----------------|
| 150 New Dwellings | Estimated Value | \$1,102,812.00 |
| 34 Additions | " | 58,030.00 |
| 11 Alterations | " | 19,200.00 |
| 28 Garages | " | 16,633.00 |
| 5 Storage Sheds | " | 17,250.00 |
| 4 Hen Houses | " | 11,800.00 |
| 1 Greenhouse | " | 1,300.00 |
| 2 Gas Stations | " | 31,000.00 |
| 1 Factory Building | " | 400,000.00 |
| Total Estimated Value of | | \$1,658,025.00 |

Fees of \$902.00 were collected and turned over to the Town Treasurer.

JUST LIKE Magic!

VETERANS AGENT

Under Chapter 115 of the General Laws as amended, each city and town is required to establish and maintain a department known as the Department of Veterans Services. The functions of this department may be broken down into two main types of assistance; Veterans Benefits and Veterans Services.

Veterans Benefits

This department is responsible for financial aid to those qualified veterans who may be in need because of sickness or unemployment. Only those veterans who have served to the credit of the Town of Wilmington or who since their service have acquired a legal settlement herein are eligible under this state supervised program. The aid costs of this program are shared equally by the state and town while the administration costs must be borne by the town.

During the past year, 103 cases of financial aid were handled by this department under Veterans Benefits. These cases include Ordinary Benefits (food, clothing and shelter), Fuel, Medical and Dental bills and hospital bills. Total expenditure amounted to \$6,791.75.

Veterans Services

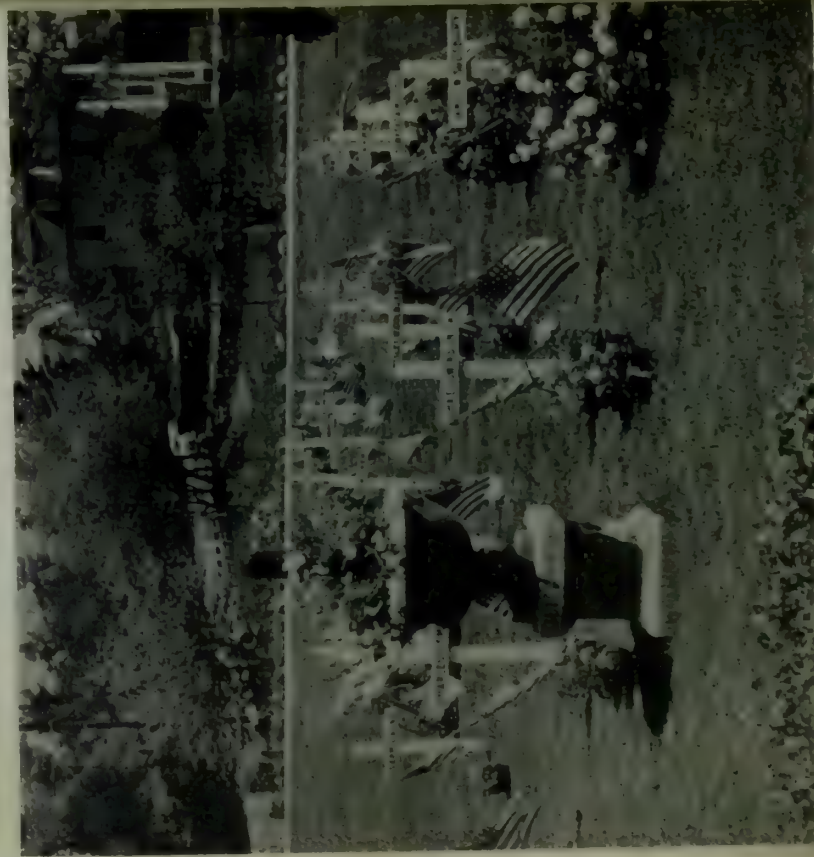
Veterans Services is the non-financial part of the program established to be of help to the veterans in matters of compensation and pension claims, medical aid from the state Soldiers Home in Chelsea and the Veterans Administration hospitals, Insurance and Education benefits and any other type of assistance that the veteran may require.

In the year 1951, this office aided 20 cases of this type among which were 6 compensation and pension awards, 5 Veterans Administration hospital claims, 5 Soldiers Home claims and 4 miscellaneous including Education and housing.

The Town of Wilmington has approximately 1100 veterans of the Spanish War, World War I and World War II. In addition, those servicemen now fighting under the United Nations flag in Korea who have service after June 27, 1950 have been accorded most of the rights of wartime veterans thereby adding about 300 more veterans to the previous figure.

Insofar as our estimate for the year 1952 is concerned, it is difficult to accurately foretell the amount needed to carry on this program since there are a number of factors involved which are beyond the control of this department. Our estimate of \$9500.00 is based on expenditures of the preceding three months and is as accurate as can be devised at this time.

As in past years our goal is still to provide adequate care for the needy veteran and their families within the law while keeping in mind the interest of the taxpayer who provides the money for this care.



BOARD OF PUBLIC WELFARE

RELIEF!

Welfare

50 cases, comprising 155 persons, were aided under this category in 1951.

Disability Assistance

This type of program was effective November 1, 1951 and applied to a person over 18 years of age, who was medically or mentally sick. We are now aiding 8 cases under this program.

Aid To Dependent Children

During the year 1951, 30 cases were aided under this program.

Old Age Assistance

Old Age Assistance was granted to 142 cases during the year 1951.

A detailed account of the receipts of the Department can be found in the Treasurer's report and the expenditures are listed in the report of the Town Accountant.

PLAN



Maintenance of town parks, the baseball field at Memorial Park, and the Town Beach at Silver Lake were continued as in past years. The burden of supervising this work was lifted from the shoulders of the Park Commissioners by the functioning of the Town Manager system. For the first time a situation existed which the Commissioners have suggested in past years; namely, the use of employees from other departments for maintenance and operation of park and recreational facilities.

Employees of the Highway, Water, Police and Cemetery Departments carried out all necessary work. The equipment of these departments was also used. The only full-time employee hired for the season was the lifeguard, Mr. Edwin Forrest, who served us faithfully and well for the second summer.

As before, the Lowell Chapter of the Red Cross contributed \$175.00 toward the lifeguard's salary; this contribution has been received annually for four years as well as gifts of equipment such as first aid supplies and life preservers.

The principal direct responsibility for maintenance of park facilities fell upon Mr. Ernest Eames because of his experience in the care of cemetery grounds. The standard of work was satisfactory, but an improved level of maintenance will be established at the town beach this coming year.

Attention is again called to the need of providing for toilet and shower facilities at the town beach. The State Department of Public Health has strongly urged action; the town cannot afford to stall it for long. As soon as the portable school building can be made available the necessary steps must be taken.

No maintenance from Park funds was provided for the Town Common. While this remains under the jurisdiction of the Park Department, it is used now largely as a school playground.

The Park Commissioners again wish to point out that the town is making practically no provision for recreational and athletic areas for the schools in the center. Grounds in the rear of the new High School which were put into turf reverted to field growth due to insufficient funds to adequately care for both inside and outside maintenance.

New areas, including the land purchased from Mr. McMahon for use in conjunction with the elementary schools should be developed. Until these playground areas are properly developed Wilmington children cannot have proper physical education programs. The Town Common which should be an attractive feature, can not remain green due to the heavy use by over 1000 school children.

In connection with playgrounds may we say at this point that while we appreciate the civic interest of the Rotary Club in purchasing the Hiller Bog, we definitely feel that this activity should not distract from the immediate development of the athletic fields already planned and laid out on the former Roman property.

The work of the Planning Board continued. Hearings were held on the following sub-division plans and approval given with appropriate restrictions in each case: A. P. Rounds, Hathaway Acres Extension; John D. Cooke, Lawrence Acres; John D. Cooke and Edward C. Manning, Narrow Gauge Park Extension; Strout and Wing, roads off Lowell Street.

The first printing of the Town map was exhausted by fall and a second edition with the addition of new sub-divisions was prepared and made available for sale at ten cents per copy. It may be of interest to note that this small charge has yielded sufficient returns to pay costs of printing and something over.

The Board also held hearings and reported favorably to the Special Town Meetings at which the following zoning law changes were voted:

1. Change of area to be occupied by the Greer Co. from light to heavy industry.
2. Change from residential to industrial for the area between Main and Lowell Streets and bounded principally by property of Pike, Yentile and Barrows.

3 Change of two small areas of Park land, one adjoining Greer Co. property and one bounded by the B&M Railroad, Main Street and property of Calendrello from Park use to industrial use.

The Board has discussed many problems of zoning and planning with the Town Manager and has found his attitude to be constructive and progressive. It is hoped that some definite steps may be taken this year toward the development of a proper business center. The Board has made no new recommendations on this matter but rests on its proposals made last year.

In closing, the Planning Board wishes to express its appreciation of the cooperation received from the Board of Selectmen and the Town Manager.

CEMETERY COMMISSIONERS

During the year 1951 the Park Department was combined with the Cemetery Department, under Mr. Ernest W. Eames as superintendent. Under these conditions we were unable to do any work on the Old Cemetery. However, we still have this project in mind.

The commissioner wishes to thank the Aids to Victory for the new flag presented to us on Memorial Day, and the Welfare Department for the help furnished us last spring.

Mr. Joseph B. McMahon was appointed to the Cemetery Commissioners to fill the vacancy caused by the death of his brother, Mr. Louis T. McMahon.

The department is making more land suitable for new lots for future use.

Burial in Wildwood Cemetery 1951

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|---|----|
| Wilmington Residents died in Wilmington | 15 |
| " " Elsewhere | 21 |
| Non Residents | 3 |
| Transfers | 8 |

The Financial Assistance Contract for ten single dwelling units on Wildwood Street site at an estimated cost of \$137,000.00, filed December 18, 1950, was returned early in January with the approval of the State Housing Board.

From the beginning the entire membership of the Wilmington Housing Authority has been unanimous in their decision as to the need of twenty single dwelling units. With this as their goal, new sites were submitted to the State Housing Board, along with a suggestion that the Wildwood Street site be so developed as to include twenty units.

At a meeting early in the year with the State Housing Board your Authority was instructed to obtain more applications for rentals from qualified veterans; however, only thirty-three applied, and after reviewing the applications the State Housing Board notified the Authority that no more than ten units would appear to be justified for construction under the Chapter 200 program at this time.

The State Housing Board was willing, however, to add three more units to the ten already approved, provided the minimum planning requirements were maintained within the area already approved in Part II application.

The architect was informed to proceed with the plan for, 13 single dwelling units on Wildwood Street site.

The Financial Assistance Contract dated December 18, 1950, was amended as of June 22, 1951, calling for 13 single dwelling units on Wildwood site in the aggregate principal amount of \$176,000.00.

Negotiations were then carried on with the Henry W. Sargent heirs relative to the purchase of all land owned by them fronting on Wildwood Street for a depth of 100 feet, including a small tract of land on Lots 1, 2, 3. Satisfactory title to such land could not be obtained and it was taken by eminent domain. From the land taken a frontage of 50 feet with depth of 100 feet and the small tract were reconveyed.

Bids were prepared by the State Housing Board for the sale of temporary notes, Wilmington Housing Project 200-1, principal amount \$176,000.00.

Four bids were received. The National Shawmut Bank of Boston was low bidder, and in the latter part of June the sale and

delivery of notes in the amount of \$176,000.00 was authorized.

Mr. William A. Anderson was elected to membership to the Authority on August 14, 1951, vice Mr. Herbert Higginbotham, resigned.

Upon approval of the plans and specifications by the State Board, invitations to bid were advertised for construction of thirteen single dwelling units.

Considerable interest was shown in the project among the builders as fourteen "General Contractors" and thirteen subcontractors submitted bids.

Edward Gorman of Boston, the lowest bidder, was awarded the contract.

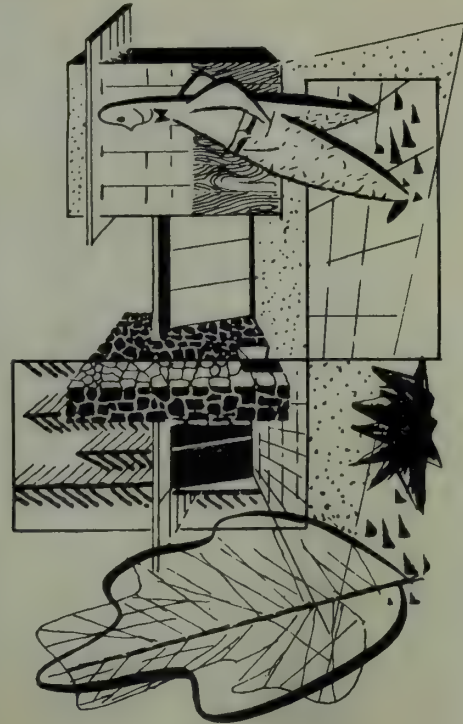
Mr. Basil Weatherbee was appointed Clerk of the Works, as the representative of the Authority on the job while project is under construction.

The construction of the units has progressed at a satisfactory rate and at the close of the year was 40% completed.

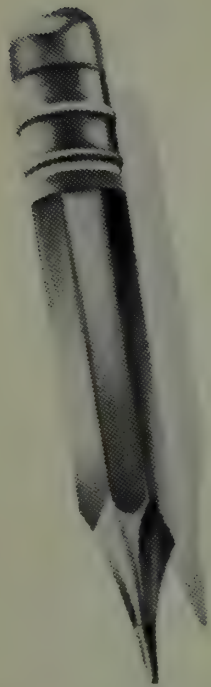
The Authority wishes to take this opportunity to thank all persons who have assisted them in any manner to get this project under construction.

Regular meetings are held on the last Tuesday of each month at the Town Hall, at 8 P.M.

Following is the financial statement showing the cost of construction and Balance Sheet as of December 31, 1951.



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| Notes Authorized | \$176,000.00 |
| Earned Interest | 621.83 |

\$176,621.83

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| Unexpended Cash Balance December 31, 1951..... | \$ 53,917.87 |
| Amount Invested in U. S. Treasury Notes | 74,737.03 |

Expenses Paid

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| Administrative Cost | 422.95 |
| Carrying Charges | 43.00 |
| Architectural & Engineering | 5,224.40 |
| Acquisition of Site | 1,437.23 |
| Site Improvement | 1,940.00 |
| Structures and Equipment | 30,518.26 |
| Cost of Material stored on the job | 8,381.09 |
| | <u>47,966.93</u> |
| | <u>\$176,621.83</u> |

BALANCE SHEET 1951

Assets

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|-----------------------------|---------------------|
| Development Fund Cash | 53,917.87 |
| Development Cost | 43,615.46 |
| Investment | 75,000.00 |
| Material Stored | 8,381.09 |
| | <u>\$180,914.42</u> |

Liabilities

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|--------------------------|---------------------|
| Contract Retention | 3,606.47 |
| Accrued Interest | 1,044.98 |
| Unearned Discount | 262.97 |
| Notes Authorized | 176,000.00 |
| | <u>\$180,914.42</u> |

JURY LIST

REVISED — JULY 2, 1951

| | | |
|-------------------------|--------------------------------|-----------------------|
| William P. Dayton | Electrical Designer | 174 Burlington Avenue |
| Donald M. Allen | Accountant | 443 Middlesex Avenue |
| Arthur Francis Starr | Railroad Worker | 10 Middlesex Avenue |
| Harry Cheifitz | Bakery Owner | 30 Salem Street |
| James D. Blake | Accountant | 39 Middlesex Avenue |
| Walter M. Farrell | Station Maintainer | 136 Andover Street |
| Roland C. Deming | Payroll Clerk | 26 Laurel Street |
| Edward J. Curtis | Lecture Assistant in Chemistry | 136 Middlesex Avenue |
| Foster B. Belser | Shipper | 204 Wildwood Street |
| Augustus T. Norton, Jr. | Electrical Technician | 277 Middlesex Avenue |
| John S. Ring | Asst. Export Manager | 244 Glen Road |
| Almon Allard | Purchasing Agent | 68 Main Street |
| Stanley Webber | Clerk | 77 Church Street |
| Alan Altman | Shipper | 130 Church Street |
| Stanley Gady | Honing Engineer | 131 Chestnut Street |
| Carl A. Buckman | Heat Treater | 45 Andover Street |
| Albert E. Kitchener | Office Manager | 127 Burlington Avenue |
| Leo W. Dupras | Box Maker | 15 Swain Road West |
| Francis M. Farrell | Furniture & Rug Salesman | 464 Middlesex Avenue |
| Corydon W. Coombs | Technician | 89 Middlesex Avenue |
| Carl F. Connor | Truck Driver | 205 Middlesex Avenue |
| Guy L. York | Banking | 14 Beacon Street |
| Joseph John Cunningham | Insurance Executive | 343 Salem Street |
| John P. Tobey | Chief Clerk | 28 Grove Avenue |
| Joseph James Slater | Clerk | 23 High Street |
| Wallace E. Barrows | Reporter | 261 Glen Road |
| William P. Curtin | Shipwright | 344 Salem Street |
| Hobard W. Spring | Cash Register Service Man | 6 State Street |
| Ernest H. Downing | Printer | 23 Adams Street |
| Robert Smith | Electrician | Atlantic Avenue |
| Edward J. Sholey | Life Insurance | 92 Andover Street |
| Norman Winfield Rice | Machineist | 141 Andover Street |
| Mervin J. Curl | Engineer | Forest Avenue |
| Allan D. MacMullin | Clothing Cutter | 48 Andover Street |
| Carl N. Christiansen | Electrician | 24 Beacon Street |
| Raymond C. Cole | Clerk | 41 Shawheen Avenue |
| Arthur J. Kelley | Post Office Clerk | 10 Wilkeson Street |
| William H. Russell | Printer | 278 Chestnut Street |
| Thomas A. Galvin | Machine Operator | 42 Swain Road |
| Robert E. O'Leary | Clerk | 352 Middlesex Avenue |
| Margie L. Woods | Rail Estate Broker | 306 Main Street |
| Elizabeth S. Tibbetta | Housewife | 44 Boutwell Street |
| Susan T. Esler | Housewife | 114 Andover Street |
| May Hadley | Housewife | 281 Wolburn Street |
| Adeline E. Bacon | Clerk | 10 Hanover Street |
| Gertrude E. Allgrove | Housewife | 1 Lake Street |
| S. Beatrice Rice | Housewife | 200 Middlesex Avenue |
| Dr. Elton Canver | Homemaker | Boutwell Street |
| Elson F. Simms | Housewife | 37 Clark Street |
| Helen P. Hayward | Housewife | 5 State Street |
| Ester B. Currier | Housewife | 181 Chestnut Street |
| Katherine M. Penny | House Work | 71 Parker Street |
| Ethel J. Hardy | Stitcher | Cedar Street |
| Jennie J. Todd | Secretary | 13 Lake Street |
| Lydia G. Wicks | At Home | 224 West Street |
| Mabel E. Kennedy | At Home | 57 High Street |
| Beatrice M. Sullivan | Housewife | 31 Shawheen Road |
| Wavie M. Drew | Housewife | 17 Andover Street |
| Emma B. Cates | Editor | 47 High Street |
| Lillian Ainsworth | Homemaker | 22 Belmont Avenue |
| Lillian Marie Blaquiere | Laundry Worker | 50 Lowell Street |
| Lars Neilson | Housewife | 84 Andover Street |
| Helen A. Quigg | Housewife | 37 Glen Road |
| Ella L. Hemson | Housewife | Fairview Avenue |
| Elvira MacPherson | Housewife | 36 Columbia Street |
| Ethel M. Williams | Checker | 64 Burlington Street |
| Maurice V. Abate | Housewife | 86 Burlington Avenue |
| Geraldine E. Reagan | Supervisor | 48 Abchurch Road |
| Ruth K. Wood | Housewife | Chestnut Street |
| Elizabeth J. Doucette | Housewife | 130 Middlesex Avenue |
| Frankline E. Allen | Receptionist - Typist | 35 Clark Street |
| Alice P. Sweetser | Housewife | |
| Ruby H. Pipes | | |
| Ruth M. Young | | |
| Mary L. Durkee | | |

STATE AUDIT

An examination and verification was made of the recorded financial transactions of the town as shown on the books of the departments receiving or disbursing money or committing bills for collection.

The books and accounts of the town accountant were examined and checked. The cash receipts, as recorded, were checked with the departmental records and with the treasurer's books, while the payments were compared with the treasury warrants and the treasurer's records.

The ledgers were analyzed, and the appropriation accounts were checked with the amounts voted by the town as shown on the town clerk's record of town meetings, while other accounts were checked with the records of the various departments in which the transactions originated.

The failure of the town accountant to operate the ledger and supporting records in the manner prescribed by the uniform system of accounting which was installed as of May 24, 1949, materially increased the work of the audit and consequently its cost. It was found that detailed accounts with the various tax, departmental, and water accounts were not kept in the general ledger, but rather in a number of subsidiary records. Journal entries to record such transactions as commitments, abatements, and tax title takings, as well as to correct numerous errors made in reporting receipts, etc., were not made in detail but rather in compound form covering long periods of time. Consequently these compound entries lacked clear explanation, and it was necessary to refer to the source and reconstruct these entries in clear form."

The books and accounts of the town treasurer were examined and checked in detail. The cash book was added throughout, the receipts being analyzed and compared with the departmental records of payments to the treasurer, with other sources from which the town received money, and with the town accountant's books. The recorded payments were checked with the approved warrants authorizing the disbursement of town funds.

The cash balance on March 31, 1951 was verified by reconciliation of the bank balances with statements furnished by the banks in which town money is deposited and by actual count of the cash in the office.

The payments on account of debt and interest were compared with the amounts falling due and with the cancelled securities and coupons on file.

The savings bank books representing the investment of the several trust funds in the custody of the town treasurer were examined and listed. The income was proved and all transactions were verified.

The records of tax titles held by the town were examined and checked. The amounts added to the tax title account were compared with the collector's records, the tax titles redeemed were checked with the receipts as recorded on the treasurer's cash book, the foreclosures and disclaimers were verified, and the tax titles on hand were listed and compared with the records at the Registry of Deeds.

Considerable difficulty was again encountered in auditing the tax title accounts due to errors in the certified lists and also to the practice of the tax collector of accepting payments of taxes which have become a part of the tax title account.

It is again urged that prompt action be taken to foreclose rights of redemption on all tax titles which are ripe for foreclosure, as required by law.

The assessors' warrants for the commitment of taxes and motor vehicle and trailer excise were examined and checked with the detailed lists. The assessors' records of abatements granted were reconciled with the collector's books and with the accountant's ledger.

The books and accounts of the tax collector were examined and checked. The commitments of poll, personal property, real estate, and motor vehicle and trailer excise were proved to the assessors' warrants issued for their collection. The receipts as posted on the commitment books were compared with the cash book record of collections, the abatements were checked with the assessors' records of abatements granted, and the outstanding accounts were listed and proved with the accountant's books.

The time consumed in making the audit, and consequently its cost, was greatly increased by the necessity of locating and correcting the numerous errors in posting cash collections, abatements, and tax title transfers.

It is again urged that immediate settlement be obtained of all delinquent taxes.

The financial records of the town clerk were examined and checked. The recorded receipts on account of dog and sporting licenses, as well as from marriage intentions, recording fees, and miscellaneous charges, were examined. The payments to the State and the town were checked with the receipts on file and with the treasurer's books, and the cash balance on March 31, 1951 was verified by actual count of the cash in the office.

The books and accounts of the water department were examined and checked in detail. The commitments of charges were analyzed, the recorded payments to the treasurer were compared with the treasurer's and the accountant's books, the outstanding accounts and advance payments were listed, and the cash balance on March 31, 1951 was verified.

Verification of the outstanding tax, motor vehicle and trailer excise, and water accounts was made by mailing notices to a number of persons whose names appeared on the books as owing money to the town, the replies received thereto indicating that the accounts, as listed, are correct.

The records of the sealer of weights and measures were examined, the field books being checked to the office records and the payments to the treasurer being compared with the treasurer's cash book.

It was noted that the sealer of weights and measures does not make monthly payments of his receipts to the treasurer as required by Section 34, Chapter 98, General Laws.

The records of departmental cash collections by the selectmen, the inspector of buildings, and by the police, fire, public welfare, library, school, and cemetery departments were examined and checked. The payments to the treasurer were verified and the cash on hand in the several departments was proved by actual count.

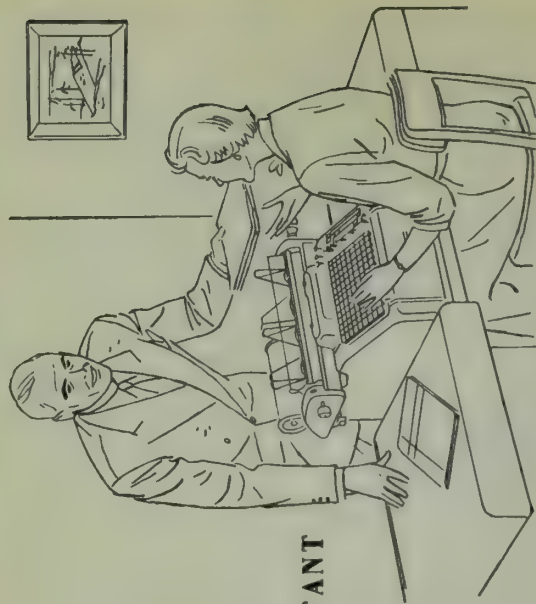
It was found that receipts from athletic contests have not been paid over to the town treasurer as required by Section 47, Chapter 71, General Laws, as last amended by Chapter 411, Acts of 1951.

Appended to this report, and on file in the T.M.'s office, in addition to the balance sheet, are tables showing a reconciliation of the treasurer's, tax collector's, and town clerk's cash summaries of the tax, tax title, departmental, and water accounts, as well as schedules showing the condition and transaction of the several trust funds.

Herman B. Dine, Assistant Director of Accounts for the Commonwealth of Massachusetts expressed his appreciation for the cooperation extended by all the town officials during the progress of the audit.



TOWN ACCOUNTANT



Annual Report of the Town Accountant in accordance with Section 61, Chapter 41, General Laws, Tercentenary Edition, for the year ended December 31, 1951, showing in detail the appropriations, expenditures, and receipts from each source of income together with a statement of the funded debt and a balance sheet.

Analysis of the Cash Account

For the year ended December 31, 1951

Balance, January 1, 1951 \$ 308,998.75

Deduct:

Expenditures during 1951 \$ 1,145,770.10

Less: Cash Receipts during 1951 1,133,825.59

Balance as at December 31, 1951

\$ 297,054.24

RECEIPTS

For the year ended December 31, 1951

TAXES

Poll, Personal Property, and Real Estate Taxes Collected

1951 Levy \$ 356,164.55

Prior years 76,130.78

\$ 432,295.33

Collections by Treasurer from persons whose

property was taken in the form of Tax Titles

11,230.43

Total Tax Collections and Redemptions

\$ 443,525.76

GRANTS AND GIFTS

Federal Grants:

| | |
|---|------------------|
| Aid to Dependent Children, Administration | 1,089.36 |
| Aid to Dependent Children, Aid | 13,202.33 |
| Old Age Assistance, Administration | 2,275.87 |
| Old Age Assistance, Assistance | <u>42,359.71</u> |
| | 58,927.47 |
| Construction Grants-in-Aid: | |
| Commonwealth of Massachusetts | |
| 1950 Construction \$ 7,999.72 | |
| 1950 Maintenance 1,500.00 | |
| 1951 Chapter "81" 14,810.51 | |
| | <u>24,310.23</u> |
| Middlesex County | |
| 1950 Construction 3,999.86 | |
| 1950 Maintenance 1,500.00 | |
| | <u>5,499.86</u> |
| | 29,810.09 |

RECEIPTS AVAILABLE FOR APPROPRIATION BUT NOT SO APPROPRIATED

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| Repayments from Middlesex County of Dog License Fees Collected | 1,194.70 |
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RECEIPTS RESERVED FOR APPROPRIATION (RESTRICTED)

| | |
|-----------------------|--------|
| Sale of Cemetery Lots | 792.00 |
|-----------------------|--------|

REVOLVING FUND

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|------------------------------------|--------------|
| Wilmington School Lunch Program | 26,510.95 |
| Wilmington School Athletic Program | 594.00 |
| Wilmington Manual Training Program | <u>45.13</u> |

AMOUNTS BORROWED

| | |
|---|------------|
| Short Term: | |
| To pay expenditures of Town Departments until taxes are collected | 250,000.00 |

AGENCY AND TRUST FUNDS

Amounts withheld from wages and salaries for payment to depositories for:

| | |
|---|-----------------|
| US Withholding Taxes | 33,702.34 |
| Blue Cross/Shield Deductions | 1,534.81 |
| Middlesex County Retirement System Deductions | <u>7,300.05</u> |
| | 42,537.20 |

Trust Fund Income:

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|------------------------------|---------------|
| S. D. J. Carter Lecture Fund | 65.00 |
| Cemetery Trust Funds | <u>451.88</u> |
| | 516.88 |

Dog License fees, collected by Town Clerk, for Middlesex County

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|---------------------------------------|---------------|
| Cemetery Perpetual Care Bequests | 1,593.60 |
| Road Machinery Fund | 100.00 |
| Wilmington High School Band Committee | 1,774.37 |
| | <u>122.18</u> |

MISCELLANEOUS RECEIPTS

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|-----------------------------|-----------------|
| Sale of Town Owned Property | 50.00 |
| Return Premium on Insurance | <u>1,932.73</u> |

REFUNDS

| | |
|---|---------------|
| Amounts taken into Treasury as refunds of expenditure payments against appropriations | 351.11 |
| US Grant refunds | <u>211.70</u> |

ESTIMATED RECEIPTS

Actual receipts, an estimate of which Board of Assessors took into account in setting the 1951 tax rate

| | |
|----------------------------|------------------------|
| TOTAL RECEIPTS during 1951 | 273,234.83 |
| | <u>\$ 1,133,825.59</u> |

COMPARISON OF RECEIPTS USED BY ASSESSORS IN
SETTING 1951 TAX RATE WITH ACTUAL 1951 RECEIPTS

| | Used by Assessors in Setting 1951 Tax Rate | Actual 1951 Receipts | Actual Receipts More (Less) than Estimated Receipts |
|--|---|----------------------------|--|
| Income tax | \$ 72,899.93 | \$ 15,081.50 | \$ (57,808.43) |
| Corporation Taxes | 10,715.78 | 16,839.34 | 6,123.56 |
| Reimbursement on account of publicly owned land | 47.73 | 54.76 | 7.03 |
| Old Age Tax (Meals) Chapter 64 B, Section 10 | 1,290.00 | 1,356.24 | 66.24 |
| Motor Vehicle and Trailer Excise Taxes | 25,000.00 | 33,681.40* | 8,681.40* |
| Licenses and Permits | 4,000.00 | 3,990.00 | (10.00) |
| Fines | -0- | 60.00 | 60.00 |
| General Government | 2,000.00 | 2,567.23 | 567.23 |
| Protection of Persons and Property | 500.00 | 1,593.63 | 1,093.63 |
| Health and Sanitation | 1,500.00 | 478.00 | (1,022.00) |
| Highways | 300.00 | 208.68 | (91.32) |
| Charities (other than Federal Grants for Aid to Dependent Children) | 13,000.00 | 16,762.90 | 3,762.90 |
| Old Age Assistance (other than Federal Grants) | 23,000.00 | 31,597.74 | 8,597.74 |
| Veterans Benefits | 6,500.00 | 2,732.23 | (3,767.77) |
| Schools (funds from Income Tax Excluded) | 18,000.00 | 164.44 | (17,835.56) |
| Public Service Enterprises (Water Department) | 54,500.00 | 52,113.77 | (2,386.23) |
| Cemeteries (sale of cemetery lots and trust funds excluded) | 2,500.00 | 2,971.75 | 471.75 |
| Interest: on Taxes and Tax Titles | 3,000.00 | 5,470.33* | 2,470.33* |
| School Aid, Chapter 70 GL, Est. by Comm. | -0- | 63,851.68 | 63,851.68 |
| School Transportation: Reimbursement, Chapter 71, Section 7 A | -0- | 18,943.75 | 18,943.75 |
| Unclassified & Recreation | -0- | 90.50 | 90.50 |
| Libraries | -0- | 86.88 | 86.88 |
| Vocational Training Reimbursement | -0- | 2,459.52 | 2,459.52 |
| | <u>\$238,743.44</u> | <u>\$273,156.27</u> | <u>\$ 34,412.83</u> |

Note:

- * Refunded in 1951 851.40
- # Refunded in 1951 7.47

TOWN OF WILMINGTON
Report of Expenditures for the
Year Ended December 31, 1951

| | |
|---|---------------------|
| Against Appropriations | |
| General Government | 36,697.19 |
| Protection of Persons and Property | 60,231.86 |
| Health and Sanitation | 7,236.01 |
| Highways | 87,551.67 |
| Charities and Soldiers Benefits | 91,300.70 |
| Schools and Libraries | |
| Construction | 54,050.05 |
| Operation and Maintenance | 248,895.40 |
| Cemetery and Parks | 9,574.04 |
| Unclassified | 6,966.16 |
| Enterprises - Water Department | |
| Construction | 29,498.54 |
| Operation and Maintenance | 44,043.76 |
| Purchase of McMahon Land | 2,000.00 |
| Purchase of Wm. Russell Land | 130.00 |
| Interest | 14,314.79 |
| Maturing Debt | 48,500.00 |
| Against US Grants (ADC and OAA) | 740,990.17 |
| State and County Assessments paid by Town of Wilmington | 43,022.61 |
| Refunds of Taxes and Water Guarantee Deposits | 20,366.21 |
| Wilmington School Lunch Program Payments | 4,308.96 |
| Wilmington School Athletic Program Payments | 27,093.47 |
| Wilmington School Band Committee Payments | 251.48 |
| Notes Paid, Anticipation of Revenue and Reimbursement | 4.61 |
| Deductions made from Employees Payrolls and Paid to Depositories | 265,000.00 |
| U.S. Withholding Tax | |
| Blue Cross/Shield Deductions | 33,702.34 |
| County Retirement System Deductions | 1,540.31 |
| Payments made to Middlesex Dog License Fees | 7,300.05 |
| Cash received by Treasurer for Cemetery | 42,542.70 |
| Perpetual Car and paid over to the Trustees | 1,638.80 |
| Refunds credited to Appropriation Accounts | 200.00 |
| | 351.09 |
| Total Expenditures during 1951 | <u>1,145,770.10</u> |

BALANCE SHEET

As of Dec. 31, 1951

| | | | | |
|---|-----------|------------|---|------------|
| Cash | | 297,054.24 | Motor Vehicle Excise Revenue | 9,577.91 |
| Real Estate Taxes 1946 | 1.48 | | State Parks Assessment-Overestimate 1951 | 40.46 |
| Real Estate Taxes 1947 | 46.00 | | Road Machinery Fund | 1,893.42 |
| Poll Taxes 1948 | 146.00 | | | |
| Personal 1948 | 2,679.00 | | Departmental Revenue | 12,925.70 |
| | | | Water Revenue | 4,840.03 |
| Poll 1949 | 104.00 | | Water Guarantee Deposits | 785.00 |
| Personal 1949 | 2,280.68 | | Water Available Surplus | 13,888.88 |
| Real Estate 1949 | 64.95 | | Sale Cemetery Lots Fund | 915.00 |
| Poll 1950 | 178.00 | | Overlay 1945 | 6.37 |
| Personal 1950 | 2,131.32 | | Reserve Fund-Overlay Surplus | 2,510.58 |
| Real Estate 1950 | 21,390.01 | | Surplus War Bonus Fund | 1,475.83 |
| Poll 1951 | 620.00 | | Tailings | 179.91 |
| Personal 1951 | 3,383.64 | | Excess Receipts Reserved-Lands of Law Value | 80.80 |
| Real Estate 1951 | 71,625.18 | | Tax Title Revenue | 34,530.16 |
| | | 104,650.26 | Surplus Revenue | 164,918.26 |
| Motor Vehicle Excise 1946 | 324.86 | | Dog Licenses-Due County | 35.00 |
| Motor Vehicle Excise 1947 | 601.12 | | Overpayments to Tax Collector | 295.30 |
| Motor Vehicle Excise 1948 | 398.86 | | Temporary Loans-In Anticipation of Revenue | 150,000.00 |
| Motor Vehicle Excise 1949 | 505.47 | | Premium on School Bonds | 2,503.75 |
| Motor Vehicle Excise 1950 | 529.68 | | Accrued Interest on School Loan Bonds | 339.06 |
| Motor Vehicle Excise 1951 | 7,217.92 | 9,577.91 | | |
| | | 9,577.91 | Wil. Vets. Housing Development | 1,800.00 |
| County Hospital Assessment-Underestimate 1951 | | 183.64 | Investigating Committee-Evaluating School Housing | 5,000.00 |
| | | | High School Band Fund | 117.57 |
| Temporary Aid A/R | 4,120.11 | | High School Athletic Assoc. Fund | 345.21 |
| Old Age Assistance A/R | 2,735.28 | | Receipts from Manual Training Program | 45.13 |
| Aid Dependent Children A/R | 4,893.14 | | Reserve for Petty Cash Advances | 50.00 |
| Veterans Benefits A/R | 1,177.17 | | Federal Grants: | |
| | | 12,957.70 | Aid Dependent Children Admin. | 444.87 |
| Water Rates A/R | 4,649.52 | | Aid Dependent Children Aid | 7,232.32 |
| Water Services A/R | 190.51 | 4,840.03 | Old Age Assistance Assist. | 20,294.18 |
| | | | | |
| Overlay 1938 | | 4.36 | Old Age Assistance Admin. | 545.33 |
| Overlay 1939 | | 3.98 | | |
| Overlay 1940 | | 4.12 | Unexpended Appropriation Balances-carried over to 1952: | |
| Overlay 1941 | | 3.98 | Police-Traffic Lights | 4,500.00 |
| Overlay 1942 | | 4.20 | Civil Defense | 417.66 |
| Overlay 1943 | | 1.94 | Chapter 90 C 1951 | 3,186.92 |
| Overlay 1944 | | 2.10 | Water Extensions-Ayotte St. & Crest Ave. | 1,082.90 |
| Overlay 1946 | | 67.83 | Nassan Ave.-Street Repairs | 1,044.44 |
| Overlay 1947 | | 335.80 | Water Exts.-Ballardvale St. | 135.57 |
| Overlay 1948 | | 336.05 | Water Exts.-Beech St. | 851.27 |
| Overlay 1949 | | 735.06 | Water Exts.-Glen Road | 207.62 |
| Overlay 1950 | | 2,089.76 | Rebuilding Cross St. | 1,141.43 |
| Overlay 1951 | | 700.38 | Surveying and Laying Out Streets | 600.35 |
| Tax Titles | 31,522.28 | | Putting Specified Streets Into Passable Condition | 1,862.29 |
| Tax Possessions | 3,007.88 | | Junior High School Repairs | 2,751.60 |
| | | 34,530.16 | Vocational Training 1932-1936 | 695.24 |
| State Aid to Highways Chapter 90 Maint. 1951 AIR | 1,437.23 | | High School Construction | 14,363.70 |
| County Aid to Highways-Chapter 90 Maint. 1951 AIR | 1,437.23 | | Water Extensions Specified Streets, 1951 | 1,101.46 |
| | | 2,874.46 | | |
| School Lunch Program | | 582.52 | | |
| Petty Cash Account Advances: | | | State & County Aid to Highways Revenue | 2,874.46 |
| Manager | 25.00 | | | |
| Collector | 25.00 | | | |
| | | 50.00 | | |
| Chapter 90 Maint.-1951 Overdraft | | 2,874.46 | | |
| | | 474,432.94 | | 474,432.94 |

TOWN OF WILMINGTON
REPORT OF EXPENDITURES AGAINST APPROPRIATIONS AND HIGHWAY GRANTS IN AID
FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 1951

| TITLE OF APPROPRIATION | Appropriations-1951 | | Transfers From Reserve Fund | Other | Amount Available for Expenditure During 1951 | Expendi- tures 1951 | Balance | | To be available for expenditure, '52 |
|----------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------------|-------------|--|---------------------------|-------------------|-------------------------------|---|
| | Annual Town Meeting 3/12/51 | Special Town Meeting 12/19/51 | | | | | As at 12/31/51 | To 1951 Revenue Account | |
| | | | | | | | | | |
| GENERAL GOVERNMENT | | | | | | | | | |
| Town Manager, Salary | \$ 4,500.00 | \$ | \$ | \$ | \$ 4,500.00 | \$ 4,269.06 | \$ 230.94 | \$ 230.94 | |
| Town Manager, Expenses | 1,500.00 | | 142.62 | | 1,642.62 | 1,642.31 | .31 | .31 | |
| Selectmen Expenses | 780.00 | | 430.00 | | 1,210.00 | 1,157.69 | 52.31 | 52.31 | |
| Accountant Salary | 1,800.00 | | | | 1,800.00 | 1,800.00 | | | |
| Accountant Expenses | 120.00 | | | | 120.00 | 117.13 | 2.87 | 2.87 | |
| Treasurer's Salary | 2,200.00 | | | | 2,200.00 | 2,200.00 | | | |
| Treasurer's Expenses | 2,600.00 | | | 144.00A | 2,744.00 | 1,926.00 | 818.00 | 818.00 | |
| Tax Collector's Salary | 2,500.00 | | | | 2,500.00 | 2,500.00 | | | |
| Tax Collector's Expenses | 2,370.00 | | | | 2,370.00 | 2,042.98 | 327.02 | 327.02 | |
| Assessor's Salary | 4,000.00 | | | | 4,000.00 | 3,691.42 | 308.58 | 308.58 | |
| Assessor's Clerk Salary | 2,000.00 | | | | 2,000.00 | 1,928.00 | 72.00 | 72.00 | |
| Assessor's Expenses | 500.00 | | 325.00 | | 825.00 | 694.13 | 130.87 | 130.87 | |
| Finance Committee | 250.00 | | | | 250.00 | 209.24 | 40.76 | 40.76 | |
| Town Counsel | 625.00 | | | | 625.00 | 623.57 | 1.43 | 1.43 | |
| Town Clerk Salary | 1,300.00 | | | | 1,300.00 | 1,300.00 | | | |
| Town Clerk Expenses | 500.00 | | | | 500.00 | 385.31 | 114.69 | 114.69 | |
| Elections | 600.00 | | | | 600.00 | 508.60 | 91.40 | 91.40 | |
| Registration | 1,600.00 | | | | 1,600.00 | 1,328.64 | 271.36 | 271.36 | |
| Planning Board | 300.00 | | | | 300.00 | 239.93 | 60.07 | 60.07 | |
| Town Hall | 1,750.00 | | 943.89 | | 2,693.89 | 2,600.56 | 93.33 | 93.33 | |
| Board of Appeals | 50.00 | | | | 50.00 | 10.08 | 39.92 | 39.92 | |
| Town Hall Repair and Alterations | | | 224.20 | 5,300.00B | 5,524.20 | 5,522.54 | 1.66 | 1.66 | |
| | \$ 31,845.00 | \$ | \$ 2,065.71 | \$ 5,444.00 | \$ 39,354.71 | \$ 36,697.19 | \$ 2,657.52 | \$ 2,657.52 | |

**PROTECTION OF PERSONS
AND PROPERTY**

| | | | | | | | | | |
|---|---------------------|--------------------|------------------|------------------|---------------------|---------------------|--------------------|--------------------|--------------------|
| Police Department, Salary & Wages | \$ 21,134.00 | 450.00 | | | 21,584.00 | 21,573.60 | 10.40 | 10.40 | |
| Police Department, Expenses | 2,600.00 | | | | 2,600.00 | 2,584.81 | 15.19 | 15.19 | |
| Ambulance | 240.00 | | | | 240.00 | 199.55 | 40.45 | 40.45 | |
| Constable | 50.00 | | | | 50.00 | 50.00 | | | |
| Fire Department, Salary & Wages | 19,000.00 | | | | 19,000.00 | 18,384.94 | 615.06 | 615.06 | |
| Fire Department, Expenses | 2,600.00 | | | | 2,600.00 | 2,559.63 | 40.37 | 40.37 | |
| Fire Department, Outlays | 1,100.00 | | | | 1,100.00 | 1,098.00 | 2.00 | 2.00 | |
| Building Inspector, Salary | 800.00 | | | | 800.00 | 800.00 | | | |
| Building Inspector, Expenses | 140.00 | | | | 140.00 | 136.00 | 4.00 | 4.00 | |
| Sealer of Weights and Measures, Salary | 250.00 | | | | 250.00 | 250.00 | | | |
| Sealer of Weights & Measures, Expenses | 75.00 | | | | 75.00 | 74.27 | .73 | .73 | |
| Suppression of Moths | 1,200.00 | | | 23.07cr. | 1,176.93 | 1,176.93 | | | |
| Suppression of Elm Leaf Beetle | 1,000.00 | | | 384.65cr. | 615.35 | 615.35 | | | |
| Tree Warden Salary | 2,500.00 | | | | 2,500.00 | 2,500.00 | | | |
| Tree Warden Wages & Expenses | 1,300.00 | | 149.36 | 407.72C | 1,857.08 | 1,845.80 | 11.28 | 11.28 | |
| Fire Department Building Committee | | | | 300.00B | 300.00 | 300.00 | | | |
| Tree Warden, Outlays | 350.00 | | | | 350.00 | 350.00 | | | |
| Purchase of Truck for Tree Warden | 3,150.00 | | | | 3,150.00 | 2,451.00 | 699.00 | 699.00 | |
| Purchase of Sprayer, Moth Dept. | 1,900.00 | | 44.54 | | 1,944.54 | 1,944.54 | | | |
| Purchase of Cruiser, Police Dept. | 800.00 | | | | 800.00 | 756.37 | 43.63 | 43.63 | |
| Purchase of Uniforms, Police Dept. | 500.00 | | | | 500.00 | 498.73 | 1.27 | 1.27 | |
| Furnishing & Installing Traffic Control Lights | 3,500.00 | 1,000.00 | | | 4,500.00 | | 4,500.00 | | 4,500.00 |
| Civilian Defense | 500.00 | | | | 500.00 | 82.34 | 417.66 | | 417.66 |
| | <u>\$ 64,689.00</u> | <u>\$ 1,450.00</u> | <u>\$ 193.90</u> | <u>\$ 300.00</u> | <u>\$ 66,632.90</u> | <u>\$ 60,231.86</u> | <u>\$ 6,401.04</u> | <u>\$ 1,483.38</u> | <u>\$ 4,917.66</u> |

HEALTH AND SANITATION

| | | | | | | | | | |
|------------------------------|--------------------|--|-----------------|--|--------------------|--------------------|-----------------|-----------------|--|
| Health & Sanitation | 4,600.00 | | 16.39 | | 4,616.39 | 4,616.39 | | | |
| Public Health Nurse Salary | 2,200.00 | | | | 2,200.00 | 2,200.00 | | | |
| Public Health Nurse Expenses | 450.00 | | | | 450.00 | 419.62 | 30.38 | 30.38 | |
| | <u>\$ 7,250.00</u> | | <u>\$ 16.39</u> | | <u>\$ 7,266.39</u> | <u>\$ 7,236.01</u> | <u>\$ 30.38</u> | <u>\$ 30.38</u> | |

TOWN OF WILMINGTON
REPORT OF EXPENDITURES AGAINST APPROPRIATIONS AND HIGHWAY GRANTS IN AID
FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 1951

| TITLE OF APPROPRIATION | Appropriations-1951 | | Transfers From Reserve Fund | Other | Amount Available for Expenditure During 1951 | Expenditures 1951 | Balance | | |
|--|-----------------------------|-------------------------------|-----------------------------|--------------|--|-------------------|----------------|-------------------------|--------------------------------------|
| | Annual Town Meeting 3/12/51 | Special Town Meeting 12/19/51 | | | | | As at 12/31/51 | To 1951 Revenue Account | To be available for expenditure, '52 |
| | | | | | | | | | |
| HIGHWAYS | | | | | | | | | |
| Highway Department, Salary & Wages | \$ 16,000.00 | | | \$ 3,760.41D | \$ 19,760.41 | \$ 19,760.41 | | | |
| Highway Department, Expenses | 18,000.00 | | | 11,050.10D | 29,050.10 | 27,618.80 | 1,431.30 | 1,431.30 | |
| Snow and Ice Removal | 4,000.00 | | 1,347.31 | | 5,347.31 | 5,347.31 | | | |
| Road Machinery Account | 6,000.00 | | | | 6,000.00 | 5,839.97 | 160.03 | 160.03 | |
| Chapter 90, Maintenance 1951 | 1,500.00 | | 125.22 | | 1,625.22 | 4,499.68 | (2,874.46)F | | (2,874.46)cr. |
| Chapter 90, Construction 1951 | 4,000.00 | | | | 4,000.00 | 813.08 | 3,186.92 | | 3,186.92 |
| Street Lights | 9,502.00 | | | | 9,502.00 | 9,400.18 | 101.82 | 101.82 | |
| Water Extensions—Ayotte St.—Crest Ave. | | | | | | | | | |
| Street Repairs | | | | 1,600.00B | 1,600.00 | 517.10 | 1,082.90 | | 1,082.90 |
| Water Extension—Nassua Ave—Street Rep. | | | | 1,208.57B | 1,208.57 | 164.13 | 1,044.44 | | 1,044.44 |
| Water Extension—Ballardvale Street, Street Repairs | | | | 255.17B | 255.17 | 119.60 | 135.57 | | 135.57 |
| Water Extensions—Beech Street, Street Repairs | | | | 1,308.00B | 1,308.00 | 456.73 | 851.27 | | 851.27 |
| Glen Road, Street Repairs | | | | 207.62B | 207.62 | | 207.62 | | 207.62 |
| Rebuilding Cross Street | | | | 1,377.80B | 1,377.80 | 236.37 | 1,141.43 | | 1,141.43 |
| Surveying & Laying Out Streets | | | | 1,318.10B | 1,318.10 | 717.75 | 600.35 | | 600.35 |
| Chapter 90 Construction, 1950 | | | | 5,922.88B | 5,922.88 | 5,922.85 | .03 | .03 | |
| Putting Specified Streets in Passable Condition | 8,000.00 | | | | 8,000.00 | 6,137.71 | 1,862.29 | | 1,862.29 |
| | \$ 67,002.00 | | \$ 1,472.53 | \$28,008.65 | \$ 96,483.18 | \$ 87,551.67 | \$ 8,931.51 | \$ 1,693.18 | \$ 7,238.33 |

CHARITIES AND SOLDIER'S BENEFITS

| | | | | | | | | |
|--|---------------------|-----------|-----------|---------------------|---------------------|--------------------|--------------------|-----------|
| Public Welfare, Administration | \$ 2,040.00 | \$ | \$ | \$ 2,040.00 | \$ 2,005.71 | \$ 34.29 | \$ 34.29 | \$ |
| Public Welfare, Aid | 25,000.00 | | | 25,000.00 | 18,426.04 | 6,573.96 | 6,573.96 | |
| Aid to Dependent Children, Town Aid | 20,000.00 | | | 20,000.00 | 14,851.35 | 5,148.65 | 5,148.65 | |
| Aid to Dependent Children, Town Administration | 700.00 | | | 700.00 | 699.32 | .68 | .68 | |
| Old Age Assistance, Town Assistance | 48,000.00 | | | 48,000.00 | 46,597.26 | 1,402.74 | 1,402.74 | |
| Old Age Assistance, Town Administr. | 2,000.00 | | | 2,000.00 | 1,929.27 | 70.73 | 70.73 | |
| Veteran's Benefits | 14,788.00 | | | 14,788.00 | 6,791.75 | 7,996.25 | 7,996.25 | |
| | <u>\$112,528.00</u> | <u>\$</u> | <u>\$</u> | <u>\$112,528.00</u> | <u>\$ 91,300.70</u> | <u>\$21,227.30</u> | <u>\$21,227.30</u> | <u>\$</u> |

SCHOOLS & LIBRARIES

| | | | | | | | | | | | |
|---|---------------------|--------------------|-----------|---------------|--------------------|---------------------|---------------------|--------------------|--------------------|--------------------|-----------|
| School Department Salary & Wages | \$183,629.00 | \$ | \$ | \$ | \$183,629.00 | \$183,606.34 | \$ | 22.66 | \$ | 22.66 | \$ |
| School Department Expenses | 60,191.00 | | | 153.64 | 60,344.64 | 60,341.68 | | 2.96 | | 2.96 | |
| Vocational Training, 1932-36 | | | | | 695.24B | 695.24 | | 695.24 | | | 695.24 |
| Vocational Training, 1951 | 5,000.00 | | | | 5,000.00 | 3,223.84 | | 1,776.16 | | 1,776.16 | 2,751.60 |
| Junior High School Repairs and Alterations | | | | | 5,000.00B | 5,000.00 | | 2,248.40 | | 2,751.60 | 2,751.60 |
| Altering & Equipment, Existing Roman House Property | | | | | 2,173.64B | 2,173.64 | | 2,172.76 | | .88 | .88 |
| Elementary & Other Schools Investigating Committee | | 5,000.00 | | | 5,000.00 | | | 5,000.00 | | | 5,000.00 |
| Purchase of Land—McMahon | 2,000.00 | | | | 2,000.00 | 2,000.00 | | | | | |
| Construction of New High School | | | | | 63,992.59B | 63,992.59 | | 49,628.89 | | 14,363.70 | 14,363.70 |
| Library | 2,030.00 | | | | 2,030.00 | 1,723.54 | | 306.46 | | 306.46 | |
| | <u>\$252,850.00</u> | <u>\$ 5,000.00</u> | <u>\$</u> | <u>153.64</u> | <u>\$71,861.47</u> | <u>\$329,865.11</u> | <u>\$304,945.45</u> | <u>\$24,919.66</u> | <u>\$ 2,109.12</u> | <u>\$22,810.54</u> | |

TOWN OF WILMINGTON
REPORT OF EXPENDITURES AGAINST APPROPRIATIONS AND HIGHWAY GRANTS IN AID
FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 1951

| TITLE OF APPROPRIATION | Appropriations-1951 | | | Other | Amount Available for Expenditure During 1951 | Expenditures 1951 | Balance | | |
|--|-----------------------------|-------------------------------|-----------------------------|----------|--|-------------------|----------------|-------------------------|--------------------------------------|
| | Annual Town Meeting 3/12/51 | Special Town Meeting 12/19/51 | Transfers From Reserve Fund | | | | As at 12/31/51 | To 1951 Revenue Account | To be available for expenditure, '52 |
| | | | | | | | | | |
| RECREATION AND UNCLASSIFIED | | | | | | | | | |
| Parks | 1,500.00 | | 74.04 | 169.28F | 2,743.32 | 2,743.32 | | | |
| Unclassified | 3,975.00 | | 22.84 | | 3,997.84 | 3,997.84 | | | |
| Memorial Day | 500.00 | | | | 500.00 | 396.53 | 103.47 | 103.47 | |
| Lease of VFW Quarters | 500.00 | | | | 500.00 | 500.00 | | | |
| Lease of American Legion Quarters | 500.00 | | | | 500.00 | 500.00 | | | |
| Indemnity for Drivers of Town Vehicles | 1,000.00 | | 575.05 | | 1,575.05 | 1,425.29 | 149.76 | 149.76 | |
| Reserve Fund | 7,000.00 | | 5,052.72cr. | | 1,947.28 | | 1,947.28 | | 1,947.28 II |
| 4-H Town Committee | 100.00 | | | | 100.00 | 100.00 | | | |
| Unpaid Bills of Previous Years | 46.50 | | | | 46.50 | 46.50 | | | |
| | \$ 16,121.50 | \$ | \$ 4,380.79cr. | \$169.28 | \$ 11,909.99 | \$ 9,709.48 | \$ 2,200.51 | \$ 253.23 | \$ 1,947.28 |

ENTERPRISES AND CEMETERIES

| | | | | | | | | | |
|--|---------------------|--------------------|---------------|---------------------|--------------------|---------------------|--------------------|--------------------|--------------------|
| Water Department Salary & Wages | \$ 22,000.00 | \$ 1,000.00 | \$ | \$ | \$ 23,000.00 | \$ 22,960.08 | \$ 39.92 | \$ 39.92I | |
| Water Department Expenses | 18,000.00 | 5,000.00 | | | 23,000.00 | 21,083.68 | 1,916.32 | 1,916.32I | |
| Water Extensions Nassua Ave. | | | | 159.28B | 159.28 | 100.00 | 59.28 | 59.28 | |
| Hydrant Service | 7,500.00 | | | | 7,500.00 | | 7,500.00 | 7,500.00I | |
| Water Extensions, Specified Streets for 1951 | 30,000.00 | 500.00 | | | 30,500.00 | 29,398.54 | 1,101.46 | | 1,101.46 |
| Water Extensions, Wildwood Street | 2,300.00 | | | 500.00cr. | 1,800.00 | | 1,800.00 | 1,800.00 II | 1,800.00 |
| Purchase of Wm. Russell Land | 130.00 | | | | 130.00 | 130.00 | | | |
| Cemetery | 7,000.00 | | | 169.28cr. | 6,830.72 | 6,830.72 | | 9,515.52 | |
| | <u>\$ 86,930.00</u> | <u>\$ 6,500.00</u> | <u>\$ -0-</u> | <u>\$ 510.00cr.</u> | <u>\$92,920.00</u> | <u>\$ 80,503.02</u> | <u>\$12,416.98</u> | <u>\$ 9,515.52</u> | <u>\$ 2,901.46</u> |

INTEREST AND MATURING DEBT.

| | | | | | | | | | |
|---------------|---------------------|--------------------|---------------------|-----------------------|---------------------|---------------------|--------------------|--------------------|--------------------|
| Interest | \$ 14,275.00 | | \$ 39.82 | | \$ 14,314.82 | \$ 14,314.79 | \$.03 | \$.03 | |
| Maturing Debt | 63,500.00 | | | \$12,450.00cr. | 51,050.00 | 48,500.00 | 2,550.00 | 2,550.00 | |
| | <u>\$ 77,775.00</u> | <u>\$</u> | <u>\$ 39.82</u> | <u>\$12,450.00cr.</u> | <u>\$65,364.82</u> | <u>\$ 62,814.79</u> | <u>\$ 2,550.03</u> | <u>\$ 2,550.03</u> | |
| | <u>\$716,990.50</u> | <u>\$12,950.00</u> | <u>\$cr. 438.80</u> | <u>\$92,823.40</u> | <u>\$822,325.10</u> | <u>\$740,990.17</u> | <u>\$81,334.93</u> | <u>\$41,519.66</u> | <u>\$39,815.27</u> |

NOTES TO REPORT OF EXPENDITURES AGAINST APPROPRIATIONS AND U.S. GRANTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 1951

- A. Amount certivied by the Assessors for Treasurer for use in Tax Title sales.
- B. Unexpended Balances carried over from 1950 appropriations.
- C. Tree Warden Wages & Expenses, Suppression of Moth and Suppression of Elm Leaf Beetle all combined as Tree Department by order of Town Manager. Unexpended balances as at date of consolidation transferred to Tree Department Account.
- D. Allotted by Commonwealth - Chapter "81" work.
- E. Closed to accounts Receivable as Non case Payments: State Aid \$1,437.23
County Aid 1,437.23
\$2,874.46
- F. Cemeteries consolidated with Parks per order of Town Manager as at Nov 23 and the unexpended balance of Cemetery Account transferred to Parks & Cemeteries Account.
- I. Appropriated amount transferred to Water Available Surplus without going through the Cash Payments Records.
- II. Transfer to Reserve Fund Overlay Surplus.

U. S. GRANTS AND EXPENDITURES AGAINST SAME

For year ending as December 31, 1951

| | Balance 1/1/51 | US Grants through 12/31/51 | Expenditures through 12/31/51 | Balance as at 12/31/51 |
|--|-------------------|----------------------------------|-------------------------------------|------------------------------|
| AID TO DEPENDENT CHILDREN: | | | | |
| Administration | 1,159.53 | 1,089.36 | 1,804.02 | 444.87 |
| Aid | 5,100.44 | 13,202.53 | 11,070.65 | 7,232.33 |
| OLD AGE ASSISTANCE: | | | | |
| Administration | 598.93 | 2,275.87 | 2,329.47 | 545.33 |
| Aid | 5,752.94 | 42,359.71 | 27,818.47 | 20,294.18 |
| | 12,611.84 | 58,927.47 | 43,022.61 | 28,516.70 |
| Aid to Dependent Children, Administration | | | | |
| Salaries of administrative personnel | 1,493.78 | | | |
| Telephone | 30.25 | | | |
| Light | 6.74 | | | |
| Fuel for Heat | 53.71 | | | |
| Rent of Office | 180.00 | | | |
| Repairs & Maintenance of Auto | 19.25 | | | |
| Office Forms | 2.21 | | | |
| Postage & stationery | 15.63 | | | |
| Office Supplies | 2.45 | | | |
| | | 1,804.02 | | |

| | | | | |
|---|----------|--|-----------|--|
| Aid to Dependent Children, Aid | | | | |
| Cash Aid | | | 11,070.65 | |
| Old Age Assistance, Administration | | | | |
| Salaries of administrative personnel | 2,067.60 | | | |
| Telephone | 38.46 | | | |
| Light | 2.98 | | | |
| Fuel for Heat | 11.48 | | | |
| Rent of Office | 120.00 | | | |
| Repairs & Maintenance of Auto | 41.12 | | | |
| Office Forms | 10.18 | | | |
| Postage & Stationery | 28.14 | | | |
| Office Supplies | 1.76 | | | |
| Miscellaneous Expenses | 7.75 | | | |
| Old Age Assistance, Assistance | | | | |
| Cash Aid | | | 2,329.47 | |
| | | | 27,818.47 | |
| | | | 43,022.61 | |

Total Expenditures against US GRANTS

TRUST FUNDS

| | |
|----------------------------------|--------------|
| S.D.J. Carter Lecture Funds | \$ 6,862.46 |
| Sears Cook Walker School Fund | 360.30 |
| Carter W. Clark Library Fund | 796.25 |
| Burnap Library Fund | 210.61 |
| Benjamin Buck Library Fund | 525.04 |
| Charlotte C. Smith Library Fund | 595.37 |
| Sabra Carter Common Fund | 221.88 |
| Lizzie T. B. Sweat Cemetery Fund | 5,107.39 |
| Cemetery Perpetual Care Funds | 11,950.63 |
| Trust Funds Cash and Securities | \$ 26,629.93 |

FUNDED OR FIXED DEBT

| | Outstanding January 1, 1951 | Paid during 1951 | Balance as at December 31 1951 |
|--|-----------------------------------|------------------------|--------------------------------------|
| Water Department Bonds (issue of 1928) | \$ 100,000.00 | \$ 12,500.00 | \$ 87,500.00 |
| Water Mains Extension Notes (issue of 1946) | 55,000.00 | 5,000.00 | 50,000.00 |
| Water Mains Extension Notes (issue of 1947) | 14,000.00 | 2,000.00 | 12,000.00 |
| Water Mains Extension Notes (issue of 1949) | 12,000.00 | 4,000.00 | 8,000.00 |
| School Loan: | | | |
| Inside debt limit, Notes 1-265 | 265,000.00 | 15,000.00 | 250,000.00 |
| Acts of 1947, Notes 1-200 | 200,000.00 | 10,000.00 | 190,000.00 |
| | \$ 646,000.00 | \$ 48,500.00 | \$ 597,500.00 |

STATEMENT OF TOWN DEBT

Temporary Loans in Anticipation of Revenue

| | |
|--|---------------|
| Balance, January 1, 1951, Notes 491-492-493 | \$ 150,000.00 |
| Borrowed during 1951: | |
| Note #494 | \$ 50,000.00 |
| Note #495 | 50,000.00 |
| Note #496 | 50,000.00 |
| Note #497 | 50,000.00 |
| Note #498 | 50,000.00 |
| | 250,000.00 |
| Paid during 1951: | |
| Note #491 | \$ 50,000.00 |
| Note #492 | 50,000.00 |
| Note #493 | 50,000.00 |
| Note #494 | 50,000.00 |
| Note #496 | 50,000.00 |
| | 250,000.00 |
| Balance as at December 31, 1951 | \$ 150,000.00 |

Temporary Loans in Anticipation of Reimbursement by State and County Aid to Highways

| | |
|--|--------------|
| Balance, January 1, 1951, Notes 489-490 | \$ 12,000.00 |
| | 3,000.00 |
| | \$ 15,000.00 |
| Paid during 1951 - Notes 489-490 | 15,000.00 |
| Balance as at December 31, 1951 | -0- |

ANALYSIS OF WATER AVAILABLE SURPLUS For the Calendar year ended December 31, 1951

| | |
|---|---------------------|
| Balance as at January 1, 1951 | 19,168.60 |
| Add: | |
| Transfer of Appropriation (Water Hydrant Rental) | 7,500.00 |
| Balance of Appropriations, Unexpended, Operation and Maintenance Water Department | 1,956.24 |
| | <u>28,624.84</u> |
| Deduct: | |
| Appropriation voted to be transferred from Water Available Surplus at Town Meeting March 12, 1951 | \$ 12,500.00 |
| Maturing Debt | 4,856.00 |
| Interest | <u>17,356.00</u> |
| | <u>11,268.84</u> |
| Add: Collections of Water Department above that voted for appropriation | 2,620.04 |
| | <u>\$ 13,888.88</u> |

ANALYSIS OF OVERLAY ACCOUNTS For the calendar year ended December 31, 1951

| Overlay Accounts | Balance January 1, 1951 | Deduct | | Balance December 31, 1951 |
|------------------------------|-------------------------------|-------------------------------|------------------------|---------------------------------|
| | | 1951 Abatements | 1951 Appropriations | |
| 1938 | \$ 4.36 | \$ | \$ | 4.36 |
| 1939 | 3.98 | | | 3.98 |
| 1940 | 4.12 | | | 4.12 |
| 1941 | 3.98 | | | 3.98 |
| 1942 | 4.20 | | | 4.20 |
| 1943 | 1.94 | | | 1.94 |
| 1944 | 2.10 | | | 2.10 |
| 1945 | (120.77) | 114.40 | | (6.37) |
| 1946 | (195.40) | 263.23 | | 67.83 |
| 1947 | 344.49 | 347.80 | 356.49 | 335.80 |
| 1948 | 1,186.42 | 494.07 | 1,344.44 | 336.05 |
| 1949 | 1,535.20 | 735.06 | 1,535.20 | 735.06 |
| 1950 | 1,227.28 | 2,089.76 | 1,227.28 | 2,089.76 |
| 1951 | 17,407.51* | 18,107.89 | | 700.39 |
| Reserve Fund Overlay Surplus | 563.30 | Transferred from Reserve Fund | | 2,510.58 |
| | | | 1,947.28 | |

* Overlay set by Assessors 1951

Annual Report

OF THE
SCHOOL COMMITTEE
OF
WILMINGTON, MASS.



TOGETHER WITH THE
REPORT OF SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS

FOR THE FINANCIAL YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31,
1951



Organization

SCHOOL COMMITTEE

| | | |
|------------------------------------|----------------|-----------|
| Mr. Closson K. Blaisdell, Chairman | Wilmington | 1949-1952 |
| Mr. Ernest Crispo | Wilmington | 1951-1954 |
| Mr. John Hartnett | No. Wilmington | 1951-1954 |
| Mr. John J. Nitchie | Wilmington | 1949-1952 |
| Miss Eleanor Grimes, Secretary | Wilmington | 1950-1953 |
| Mr. Arthur Lynch | Wilmington | 1950-1953 |

Superintendent of Schools

Clifford J. Good, 131 Middlesex Ave., WilmingtonTel. Wilmington 2545

SCHOOL PHYSICIAN

Ernest C. MacDougall, M. D.Tel. Wilmington 432

SCHOOL NURSE

Mrs. Esther H. Nichols, R. N.Tel. Wilmington 714

ATTENDANCE OFFICER

Mr. Ernest CailTel. Wilmington 571

ROSTER OF SCHOOL EMPLOYEES

| | | |
|-----------------------|--|---------------------------------|
| CLIFFORD J. GOOD | Superintendent | Wilmington, Mass. |
| Supervisors | | |
| Mary Boutlier | Supervisor Remedial Reading | Lowell, Mass. |
| Evelyn Andersen | Supervisor of Drawing | No. Wilmington, Mass. |
| Harriet Berube | Supervisor of Music | Lowell, Mass. |
| Harold McDonnell | Band Master | Methuen, Mass. |
| Lawrence Cushing | Supervisor Physical Education & Coach of High School Girls | Wilmington, Mass. |
| Principal Teachers | | |
| Bernard McMahon | High School | No. Wilmington, Mass. |
| Harold Driscoll | Sub Master | Lawrence, Mass. |
| Anthony Deluca | Social Science & Personnel | Wilmington, Mass. |
| Robert Barrett | Commercial & Driver Training | Woburn, Mass. |
| George Weber | Mathematics | Reading, Mass. |
| Irene W. Parello | Head of Commercial Dept. | Wilmington, Mass. |
| Elaine N. Marland | Head of English Dept. | Wilmington, Mass. |
| Mary M. Daily | Science | Andover, Mass. |
| Alan Harris | Latin Spanish & French | Wilmington, Mass. |
| Margaret Horner | English | Squam, Mass. |
| Albert Hoag | Home Economics | Lawrence, Mass. |
| Christine Mulcahy | Manual Training | Lexington, Mass. |
| Constantine O'Doherty | Commercial & Girls Coach | Waltham, Mass. |
| Florence Liston | Social Science & Coach | Malden, Mass. |
| G. Myrtle Mahoney | Jr. High School | Woburn, Mass. |
| Virginia Erickson | Arithmetic Grade 8 | Lowell, Mass. |
| Mary P. Morgan | Geography Grade 8 | Wilmington, Mass. |
| Warren Cheever | Arithmetic Grade 7 | Lowell, Mass. |
| Francis X. Moriarty | Geography Grade 7 | Woburn, Mass. |
| Joseph Beaton | English Grade 8 | Wilmington, Mass. |
| Pauline Durgin | Grade 7 | Lowell, Mass. |
| Rosemary Drohan | Grade 7 | Wilmington, Mass. |
| Mary B. Crawford | Grade 5 | Lawrence, Mass. |
| Rose Kennedy | Buzzell School | Winchester, Mass. |
| Mary L. Donahue | Buzzell School | Methuen, Mass. |
| Margaret Maloney | Buzzell School | Lawrence, Mass. |
| Isabelle Burns | Buzzell School | Lowell, Mass. |
| Irene Rogers | Buzzell School | Lowell, Mass. |
| Barbara Duffy | Buzzell School | No. Wilmington, Mass. |
| Margaret Clarke | Center School | Lowell, Mass. |
| Helen Roth | Center School | Lawrence, Mass. |
| Pauline Leiter | Center School | Dracut, Mass. |
| Emma Mallon | Center School Special Class | No. Wilmington, Mass. |
| Sybil Wiberg | Walker School | Lowell, Mass. |
| Olive Oman | Walker School | Reading, Mass. |
| Gladys Dunigan | Walker School | Mass. |
| Mildred Keville | Walker School | Lowell, Mass. |
| Helen Patten | Whitefield School | Grade 4, Wilmington, Mass. |
| Lena Doucette | Whitefield School | Grade 2, No. Wilmington, Mass. |
| Catherine McLaughlin | Whitefield School | Grade 3, Lawrence, Mass. |
| Lena Leiter | Whitefield School | Grade 1, No. Wilmington, Mass. |
| Agnes Daley | Mildred Rogers School | Grade 3, Lowell, Mass. |
| Ruby Fitzsimmons | Mildred Rogers School | Grade 3, Lowell, Mass. |
| Ruth O'Keefe | Mildred Rogers School | Grade 2, Lowell, Mass. |
| Molly Mazur | Mildred Rogers School | Grade 2, Lowell, Mass. |
| Josephine O'Donnell | Mildred Rogers School | Grade 4, Lowell, Mass. |
| Marydean Shell | Mildred Rogers School | Grade 1, Winchester, Mass. |
| Marjorie Ethier | Maple Meadow School | Grade 2, No. Wilmington, Mass. |
| Mary Martin | Maple Meadow School | Grade 1, Lowell, Mass. |
| Principal & Teacher | | |
| Lena Eames | West School | Grades 1 & 2, Wilmington, Mass. |
| Nurse | | |
| Esther Nichols, R. N. | | Wilmington, Mass. |
| Physician | | |
| Dr. Ernest MacDougall | | Wilmington, Mass. |
| Clerk | | |
| Natalie A. Giroux | | Wilmington, Mass. |
| H. S. Clerk | | |
| Eleanor Day | | Wilmington, Mass. |
| Janitors | | |
| Lester Smith | High School | Wilmington, Mass. |
| William Chisholm | High School Asst. | Wilmington, Mass. |
| Louis H. Nichols | Jr. High School | Wilmington, Mass. |
| Ernest Cail | Buzzell School & Maple Meadow | Wilmington, Mass. |
| Bernard McDonough | Mildred Rogers & Center | Wilmington, Mass. |
| Wilbur Spanks | Walker & Whitefield | Wilmington, Mass. |
| Eli Coombs | West School | Wilmington, Mass. |
| Maintenance Man | | |
| Anton Thiel | All Schools | Wilmington, Mass. |

SCHOOL CALENDAR, 1952

January 2 to February 15 - 7 Weeks

Vacation One Week

February 25, to April 10 - 7 Weeks

Vacation One Week

April 21 to June 13 - Elementary - 8 Weeks

Summer Vacation

September 3 to December 23 - 16 Weeks

Vacation One Week

School Commences January 5, 1953

School Holidays

February 22 April 19
May 30 November 11

NO SCHOOL SIGNAL

22 22 22

Twenty-two blown three times on fire alarm signal

At 7:00 - No School - Grades 7 - 12

At 7:15 - No Schools - Grades 1 - 6

Radio announcements will also be made over

WLLH-Lowell-1400 on the radio dial

WLAW-Lawrence-680 on the radio dial

WBZ-Boston-980 on the radio dial

WEEI-Boston-590 on the radio dial

From 7:00 to 9:00 A.M.

GRADUATION EXERCISES

WILMINGTON HIGH SCHOOL

1951

Held at

THE COMMON

WILMINGTON, MASSACHUSETTS

TUESDAY EVENING, JUNE TWELVE

PROGRAM

Processional

Invocation

National Anthem

Challenge of Youth

Mixed Chorus

Salutatory - Let's Probe Our Prejudices

Essay - Our Future

On the Lagoon

Girl's Glee Club

Valedictory - The Evolution of the Public School System in Massachusetts

Glen Connolly

Remarks

Presentation of awards

Remarks

American Prayer

Benediction

Recessional

Mixed Chorus

Rev. Stanley Cummings

High School Band

High School Band

Rev. Albert J. Shea

Robert Gipp

Anne M. Frotten

Dolores E. Amaro

Brahms

Clifford Good, Supt. of Schools

George C. Kambour, Principal of High School

Closson Blaisdell, Chairman of School Committee

Stephen G. Bean, Supt. of Schools Emeritus

Stock & Rose

CLASS OF 1951

*Dolores Esther Amaro
 Carl Arthur Buckman, Jr.
 Lionel Baldwin
 Marylu Baxter
 *Lloyd W. Belbin
 Lucille Jean Bourassa
 Daniel M. Boylen
 *Ann Branscombe
 *Helen Patricia Calnan
 Alice Elizabeth Candelas
 Harold O. Clements
 Janet Marthe Condrey
 *John Douglas Connolly
 John Douglas Cosman, Jr.
 Lars T. Christiansen
 Cynthia May Corneliusen
 Dolores Theresa Cuoco
 Mona Gertrude Crispo
 Henry F. Danico
 Robert L. Darling
 Rocco DePasquale
 Barbara Draper
 *Elected to Membership in the National Honor Society

Joyce Alba Eaton
 *Arthur Eifman
 Ruth Ann Efrainson
 Barbara Joyce Faulkner
 Madge Elizabeth Field
 Arlene Elenora Fiorenza
 Phillip D. Fisher
 *Anne Marie Frotten
 Lorraine Margaret Forrest
 *Loyise Harwood Gove
 Cythia Anne Hale
 Barbara Anne Hughson
 Franklin R. Humphrey
 *Lorraine Ruth Kitchener
 Elizabeth J. Kobylis
 Dolores Ina Landry
 Frederick L. Leverone
 *Marilyn Ann Lynch
 Patricia Ann MacFeeley
 Thomas H. McMahon
 Claire Louise Moran
 Donald W. O'Connell

Gerard Patrick O'Keefe
 Gerald O'Reilly
 Barbara A. Palombi
 Richard Pivrotto
 Leona E. Porter
 *Nancy Reid
 Martha Ann Rooney
 Richard J. Rothwell
 William Matthew Sanborn, IV
 Dorothy G. Sharp
 Helen Sheehan
 *Robert P. Sheehan
 Roger Franklin Smith
 Roland F. Smith
 Robert William Surrence
 Samuel S. Thorpe, Jr.
 Jean Sarah Tovey
 John Francis Towksi
 Vernon James Walsh
 Frederick H. Ward
 Willis B. Whalen, Jr.

CLASS OFFICERS

Donald O'Connell
 Gerald O'Reilly
 Anne Frotten
 Lloyd Belbin
 CLASS COLORS
 CLASS MOTTO
 CLASS FLOWER

President
 Vice President
 Secretary
 Treasurer
 Blue and White
 Our knowledge is the symbol of our future
 American Beauty Rose

SCHOOL COMMITTEE

In making our report for the year 1951, it seems only fitting and proper to pay tribute to Stephen G. Bean, our past Superintendent. Mr. Bean has given twenty-seven years of his life to provide a program of education that we might be proud of in our school system for many years to come. His endeavors will be remembered by all who have been associated with him on the School Committee. Mr. Bean's retirement in June, 1951, placed upon the Committee a responsibility of choosing a replacement for him. After many special meetings, interviewing some thirty-five candidates, it was the unanimous decision of the School Board to appoint Mr. Clifford Good to this position on a full time basis. Previous to this time, Mr. Bean served as Superintendent for Tewksbury, Middleton and Wilmington. Due to the increase in school enrollment however, the State allowed that we were large enough to require a full time man. In the few short months that Clifford Good has been with us, he has more than proved worthy of this task, and we know he will continue in this capacity.

It was with regret that Mr. George Kambour, who was principal of our High School, resigned to better himself elsewhere.

Although, under the new Charter, in the Town-Manager form of government, your School Committee has been relieved of some of the direct responsibilities regarding maintenance of school buildings, etc., the question has come up many times as to the power of the Committee and that of the Town Manager. This still remains an uncertainty, after discussion with the Town Counsel and the only known solution seems to be that complete understanding and cooperation must exist between the School Committee, the Superintendent and the Town Manager. If this condition does not exist, there is a strong possibility that many things which are intended to be accomplished will fall by the way-side. It is, however, a definite responsibility of the School Committee to see that the youngsters of school age be properly housed and that they have the best possible conditions under which to carry on their scholastic activities.

It is needless to repeat that which is given in the report of Superintendent Good. However, the tremendous increase in enrollment has come to the point where there is no more room in our school buildings to take care of any more children, and something must be done to alleviate this condition. A special committee has been appointed to investigate possibilities of a new elementary school, as well as an addition to our New High School, and unless action is taken on at least one of these projects



a two-platoon system will have to be inaugurated. This form of education has been proved, in other townships, to be very unsuccessful.

The school budget has again increased due to many existing conditions, but only in proportion to increase in attendance, additional teachers, increase in salaries, increase in cost of books and supplies, and increase in cost of materials for the purpose of repairs and replacements.

It is indeed gratifying to have so many different organizations of the Town, such as the P.T.A., Mothers' Clubs, Boosters and Rotary Club who have taken such an interest in the well-being of our schools, and have done much to help improve them so that our children will receive the best education possible.

Respectfully,

Closson K. Blaisdell, Chrm.

Eleanor A. Grimes, Sec.

John J. Nitchie

Arthur Lynch

Ernest Crispo

John Hartnett

SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS

It is an honor and a privilege to submit my first annual report of the public schools of Wilmington for the past year. My report, of necessity, must be a partial report since my appointment as Superintendent of Schools did not become effective until June 1, 1951. The report will be adequate, however, in regard to the most important items, since complete changes in major areas do not just happen in a relatively short space of time.

My brief but most enjoyable acquaintance with citizens of Wilmington has convinced me that they are imbued with a very constructive and progressive spirit, and that they are most willing to help in any worthy endeavor. It is my sincere intention to return such courtesy, and to provide time for any and all who wish to consult with me regarding school problems. Such has been my practice in the past, and such a policy will be rigidly followed in the future. These are the means to co-operative effort and attainment, and I feel quite sure that the result will be better educational and physical facilities for our children in Wilmington.

We cannot, in this day and age, fail those who will soon be assuming the responsibilities of this great democracy of ours. To this end we must continue to commit ourselves to better educational facilities, since this is one of the major steps toward an improvement of our great heritage. If we fail our children in this respect, we imperil their future, and thus we leave a void of preparation for future years.

It is my belief that the citizens of Wilmington are definitely educationally minded, that they have embarked upon a plan of decided improvement, and that they will continue to work toward the objectives of desirable and effective educational outcomes for all.

I feel quite certain that the teaching personnel is quite well equipped to handle future problems, and to cope with whatever changes may be necessary as time goes on. Close co-operation between the home and the school is an absolute essential for success in every educational endeavor.

Education is the business of all people, not just a few, and the sincere interest of every citizen of Wilmington is definitely needed.

ENROLLMENT

The enrollment figures can be seen at a glance on the two charts provided at the end of this report. The two charts, providing an Age-Grade distribution, and a School-Grade distribution, show quite clearly the problem we are going to be faced with for a few years.

At the present writing, it would seem to me that the enrollment figure will total at least 1750 pupils by September 1952. This means that for the school year beginning in September, 1952, we will be using every inch of available space in the entire elementary area of Grades 1 to 8. It means, also, additional over-crowded classrooms, and the resulting lack of individual attention to the children. There are many other disadvantages just as serious, which would take considerable time to enumerate.

It will take considerable planning to house these children in September, 1952, to say nothing of how we will provide other essential and necessary educational programs.

There is no doubt in my mind that a two-platoon system will be absolutely necessary, in part, by September, 1953, unless a new elementary school is provided in the meantime. There is one other immediate

alternative, and that is to add to the new High School, to the extent of making it a Junior-Senior High School Building. In any event, it will be impossible to avoid this addition beyond September, 1955 at the latest.

I see no immediate relief in sight for the ever-growing school population, considering present housing developments, and plans for industry.

School construction in the elementary area, and an addition to the present High School are decidedly inevitable. However, one thing is certain, some action must be taken, and it must be taken immediately.

I present these housing problems to the School Committee for referral to the proper authorities under the new Town Charter. It is my opinion that, in the last analysis, the responsibility no longer rests with the School Committee as regards new constructions for the proper housing of pupils. I have drawn the above conclusions, however, for the School Committee to act upon, and, as I hope, to so approve.

I would like to take this opportunity to go on record as saying that I am unalterably opposed to two-platoon systems in education, in any degree or form. In my opinion, they are ineffectual in every way, and were never appropriate for educational endeavor. In the industrial interpretation, the two-platoon system would correspond to two shifts, and I think we should bear in mind that we are dealing with impressionable young children, and not industrial by-products.

It is unfortunate that I have to draw such conclusions in my first annual report. However, it has never been my practice to disguise the facts, and I never intend to follow such a policy.

The condition which we face now as regards the proper housing of pupils in the future years is not the fault of any one person, or any group. Wilmington is growing rapidly, and it is possible that the growth will continue.

Sound planning for our educational future is imperative, but it must also be done wisely, and with a sane view to the financial responsibilities involved.

REPAIRS

Although by vote of the people of Wilmington, the Town Manager has charge of janitors, school maintenance and repairs, these items are very definitely a part of the school budget, and, therefore, must also become the concern of the Superintendent. With the exception of the new High School, all of the school buildings in Wilmington are decidedly in need of various repairs and alterations. This is not a result of past negligence or inadequate interest on the part of any one. Such repairs are common to all school systems, and this is easily understandable when one considers the constant and severe use of these buildings over a period of years. That the buildings are in as good condition as they are to-day is evidence enough of repeated care. It is quite clear, however, that all repairs could never be completed in one or two years. It would be financially impossible to try to accomplish such an objective. It is my opinion that a policy of "First things first" must be followed, keeping in mind that some repairs may be a waste of time and money, if any new construction is to be planned in the near future.

Again, since expanded educational practices and sound educational policies rely, to a great extent, upon the manner in which pupils are housed, it seemed absolutely necessary to me to spend practically the entire Summer in working with the Town Manager on various repairs and clean-up work. This is not intended as any reflection on the duties of the Town Manager in this respect. Rather, this is the result of a very definite agreement between the two of us that co-operative effort is the only thing that will produce the desired results.

It might be wise to list the various repairs, etc., that were accomplished since July 1, 1951.

MAPLE MEADOW SCHOOL

Old coal bin rebuilt
Interior of building painted
Center of building jacked up
New drinking bubbler installed

WEST SCHOOL

Interior repainted and redecorated
Floor cleaned and sealed

MILDRED ROGERS SCHOOL

Roof repaired
New oil burner installed and old radiation removed
New drinking bubbler installed
New Lettering on front of school

MILDRED ROGERS PORTABLE

Interior of building painted
New drinking fountain installed
New Roof
Coal bin repaired

WALKER SCHOOL

Fire escape repaired
New doors installed—front entrance
New drinking bubbler installed
All desks sanded and sealed
Light switches in all rooms repaired
Ceilings and walls in all classrooms painted
Corridors painted
Heating system overhauled and motorized valve installed

BUZZELL SCHOOL

Teachers' desks sanded
Bulkhead rebuilt
Screened glass installed in lower

WHITEFIELD SCHOOL

All desks in rooms sanded and sealed
New drinking bubbler installed

CENTER SCHOOL

New roof
Two classrooms on lower floor repaired and painted

panes of double doors
One room painted
Ceilings of two rooms done

JUNIOR HIGH SCHOOL

New Fluorescent lighting installed throughout building
Repairs to roof
All classrooms on second floor repaired and painted
Two new class rooms opened — painted and repaired

BUZZELL SCHOOL

Repair doors
Paint building outside
Paint at least two classrooms

JUNIOR HIGH SCHOOL

Boiler repairs
Point exterior of building
Install complete new lavatories—for boys

WHITEFIELD SCHOOL

Outside light — front door
Bulkhead repair
Paint lavatories
Boiler overhauled

CENTER SCHOOL

Repair flooring
Repair all exits completely

All Buildings

In addition to the above, the general cleaning and overhauling done by custodians will consume tremendous time, and quite an outlay of money and equipment.

The work done by the custodians last year has been extraordinary. In my opinion, they are extremely co-operative, hard-working and conscientious. It is impossible for the average person to understand the many extra hours these men devote to their tasks. I enjoy this opportunity to publicly thank them for what they have done.

It is my opinion, and the opinion of the School Committee, as regards 1952, that the following items will have to be taken care of, as of necessity.

MAPLE MEADOW SCHOOL

General repairs to present heating system
(Extensive repairs on this building definitely not recommended)

Paint stained and damaged ceilings

Overhaul present heating system

MILDRED ROGERS PORTABLE SCHOOL

Repair and seal flooring
Spray paint exterior

WEST SCHOOL

Paint doors and outside trim
Paint lavatory floors
Clean and seal floors
Repair or replace blackboards

WALKER SCHOOL

Paint outside trim
Paint fire escape
Repair gutters
Replace broken shingles
Storage shelves installed
Repair and seal floors
Repair storm windows

MILDRED ROGERS SCHOOL

Paint lavatories
Paint outside fence
Repair roof

ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS

The elementary schools of Wilmington are definitely overcrowded and consequently tax the ingenuity and physical well-being of the teachers in that area. I am definitely concerned about the future progress and welfare of the children under the present existing physical conditions. Teachers are constantly improvising to overcome the disadvantages of cramped space, but progress is being made to a great extent.

The testing of all pupils in grades 1 — 8 has been accomplished, and the results have been carefully scrutinized with regard to present weaknesses, and future action.

Two fifth grade remedial reading divisions have been organized in the two spare rooms in the Junior High School under the direction of Miss Boutillier. The progress of these pupils has been remarkable, and I have no doubt but that present plans will accomplish a great deal in the near future.

In addition, the fifth and sixth grades of the Buzzell School have been grouped as homogeneously as possible, with an eye to extensive remedial work in reading. The children in these areas must be brought up to the desired grade level, if they are expected to meet the requirements of future years.

Plans have been made to provide for all remedial cases in grades one to four also. However, inadequate space hinders the work involved. As a matter of fact, if prompt attention is not given to proper housing of pupils, it may be necessary to abandon present plans for most of the remedial work being done.

That such extensive work is necessary is no reflection on the endeavors of previous personnel. In great part, it is the result of overcrowded conditions, and consequent lack of individual attention. There may be other reasons, but they are of no particular consequence in the last analysis. That the School Committee and the formal Superintendent saw the need of this work is indication enough to me that they were aware of the problem and were quick to act by appointing a remedial reading supervisor.

The teachers and principals in grades one to four have had several meetings with reading consultants of various book companies preparatory to adopting a new basal reading system. Once such a system is adopted at the primary level, and carefully followed, there should be a more decided advance on the part of the pupils, and an opportunity of watching their progress more closely. This, coupled with the remedial work now being done, should result in greater achievement. The results will not be in evidence immediately, but should manifest themselves in the next year or two.

Courses of study must be worked on in other areas and at the time of this writing, plans are being made to do just that.

Text books are definitely needed at most grade levels and a wise choice cannot be made in this respect until clear-cut objectives are set up and current problems are understood.

The Rhinehart System of hand writing has been put into force as of January 7, 1952 in grades one to four. It is hoped to expand this program to higher grade levels next year. The slant, or manuscript form of writing, will be taught in grades one and two and cursive writing will be taught in grades three and four. A suitable handwriting system is necessary to a reading program. Would-be readers must develop independence of word

recognition, and one way to accomplish this is by general word configuration.

Due to a very undesirable crowded condition of the Maple Meadow School, approximately one-half of the pupils were transferred to the Center School for instruction as of January 2, 1952. This was made possible by a temporary closing of one room at the Center School as an opportunity class for six girls. This was done with the full permission of the State Department of Education, and after desirable provision had been planned for this class in other buildings.

Space does not permit a more detailed report in this area. I sincerely hope that the foregoing will give sufficient insight into our general problems and throw more light on what has been done thus far.

HIGH SCHOOL

At present, space is adequate for good instruction and sound educational activity in this building. However, as I have previously stated, I can make no promises for late '53 and September '54.

Considering the large enrollment of students in the commercial course, and the facilities made available to them in the new construction, I found it wise to invest in considerable equipment for these students. The following was purchased for the use of the students: one Remington-Rand Printing Calculator, one I. B. M. Electromatic Typewriter, one Standard Duplicating Machine, and six new standard typewriters of various make to replace those which had been ten or more years in service.

Work on courses of study is decidedly needed and this will be done as soon as present plans for testing have been completely carried out. Along this line, new text books will be definitely needed and purchased when the objectives to be met are clearly understood.

I definitely do not approve of the present marking system and, with the approval of the School Committee, plan to change this in the very near future.

The College Course needs definite attention. Such subjects as solid geometry, trigonometry, mechanical drawing, etc., must be incorporated by September, 1952, if we are to prepare our students adequately for advanced study. With the exception of an additional teacher in September, 1952, I feel that we are competently staffed to cope with this situation.

At present plans are being made to extend guidance services at this level. The wise planning of the present building provided for such work, and it is quite evident that it is definitely needed. More released time for the Guidance Director is needed, and this may be possible to arrange within the next year. Among other things, a cumulative record of all children as they advance through the years is needed, as well as follow-up records of all of our graduates for at least five years. Such a program will be definite aid to us in evaluating the work being done in the schools.

It is definitely planned to extend the present program of athletics in the High School to grades seven and eight by September, 1952. I think that the consideration given this by the School Committee will be deeply appreciated in years to come. The quick action by the School Committee in respect to proper transportation of athletic teams was a great source of relief to me and to all coaching personnel. To have continued the previous policy of transportation would have been tantamount to inviting unnecessary risk and danger.

The new High School diploma, approved by the School Committee, will be awarded the graduates for the first time in June, 1952.

These, and other changes contemplated for the future, will undoubtedly produce the results we are seeking for the students.

CONCLUSION

Additional information regarding the schools will be found in the annual reports of supervisors and principals.

I feel very certain that definite progress is being made constantly to improve the Wilmington Public Schools.

All teachers in the system seem to me to possess a very professional attitude and I feel, from what I have observed, that they are most conscientious. Their extreme co-operation has been a real aid in solving our common problems.

Speaking for myself, and for the teachers, let me assure the School Committee that much credit is due them for what has been accomplished thus far. The many tedious hours spent by the School Committee on educational matters is without compensation in the material sense. May I remind the School Committee however, that their support and co-operation

is a priceless factor in reaching our objectives. I am taking this opportunity, therefore, of thanking the School Committee publicly for their extreme interest and unselfish effort in behalf of the children of Wilmington.

I would also thank the P. T. A., the various Mothers' Clubs, other groups and individuals for their effort in behalf of the schools. Their constructive spirit and work is a tremendous aid to our educational growth.

That there are still problems to solve is obvious. There will always be problems, and they must be met with continued objectivity and professional study. Therein lies the greatest assurance of future success.

PRINCIPAL OF WILMINGTON HIGH SCHOOL

I would like to pay tribute to my predecessor, Mr. George C. Kambour. Upon assuming my new duties, I found the school well organized for the year. Some minor changes were necessary in the program due to changes in personnel. We, the faculty and student body of the Wilmington High School wish Mr. Kambour continued success and happiness in his work in Warren.

Other changes in personnel find Mr. Joseph Donovan at a Military Academy in Maryland. Mr. Cesidio Tessicini has entered private enterprise. Mrs. Marie Macklin resigned to devote her time to home life. Miss Elizabeth Henchey resigned to assume the responsibilities of married life. Miss Shirley Bedell accepted a position in the Scituate School system.

Mr. Harold E. Driscoll was promoted from the Junior High School to the position of Sub-Master and assistant coach, replacing Mr. Donovan. Mr. Robert F. Barrett, a graduate of Boston College was engaged to teach mathematics, replacing Mr. Tessicini. Miss Christine Mulcahy, a graduate of Salem Teachers' College, has been assigned to the Commercial Department, replacing Mrs. Macklin. Miss Mary Daily, a graduate of Regis College, has replaced Miss Henchey as teacher of Latin and French. Miss Helen M. Kelley, a graduate of Regis College has replaced Miss Bedell as Home Economics Teacher and Dietitian. All the new teachers show great promise and initiative in their work. We wish them continued success.

Due to increased enrollment, Mr. Paul Blackjohn, a graduate of Salem Teachers' College, was engaged to start the new school year. Mr. Blackjohn resigned in October to accept a more lucrative position

with the Veterans' Administration. He was succeeded by Mr. Allen R. Harris, a graduate of Duke University.

Miss Barbara Lewis, High School Secretary, resigned for matrimonial life. She was replaced by Mrs. Eleanor F. Day, the Librarian. Mrs. Gertrude Condrey became temporary Librarian until the appointment of Mrs. Helen Gammons. Both Mrs. Day and Mrs. Gammons are carrying out their duties very efficiently and capably.

Mr. John Ritchie, custodian, accepted a position with a janitorial supply house in November. His vacancy was filled by Mr. Lester Smith. Mr. Smith has accepted his duties with vigor and enthusiasm.

We started the school year with an enrollment of 392, which has rolled back to 384 at the current writing. September of 1952 will find an approximate increase of 40. This figure will put the available class room space at a maximum. Another year will force us to make some re-adjustments.

The first annual Career Day was held in November under the direction of Mr. Whittredge, Guidance and Placement Director. A highly developed program covering forty-five different fields of business, trades and professions was offered the students. The speakers, experts in their fields, gave interesting talks, which proved to be of immeasurable value to each student. The students had previously made a choice of three fields of interest.

The cafeteria is running smoothly under the direction of Mrs. Boswell. It was necessary to add another worker in October, Mrs. Wilhemina DeLisle was engaged in this capacity. The cafeteria serves an average of three hundred lunches daily to the pupils within the center area. A soup program is offered the pupils of the outlying schools.

In our athletic program, the boys are offered football, basketball, ice hockey and baseball. Mr. O'Doherty, Director of Athletics is assisted by Mr. Driscoll, and Mr. Beaton of the Junior High School. Basketball presents a problem in as much as we have no gymnasium. However, with the co-operation of the Y. M. C. A. in Woburn, we get in a few practice sessions there each week. This year, Wilmington has returned to competition in the Lowell Suburban Basketball League. All games are played on the visitors' court.

For the girls, there is basketball and softball under the direction of Mr. Cushing, assisted by Miss Mulcahy. Field Hockey will be resumed in the spring.

In closing, I want to thank the School Committee for their co-operation and understanding: you, Mr. Good, for your counsel and encouragement; the faculty for their loyalty and devotion to duty; the student body for their excellent spirit. All have helped to make these few months pleasant and enjoyable.

DIRECTOR OF GUIDANCE

The guidance program was placed under my direction in September 1950. During the school year 1950-1951, the program was confined largely to administering tests to the Freshmen and to operating the High School Placement Service. During this period the present vocational information file was also started. During 1950-1951 the Placement Service made 47 placements (exclusive of baby sitting jobs). Every member of the Class of 1951, who desired it, was given an opportunity to interview for at least one position.

In September 1951, the time allotted to guidance was increased to two periods per day and the program expanded accordingly.

In November 1951, Wilmington High School held its First Annual Career Day, with the entire school day devoted to this program. The keynote address was delivered by Professor Milton John Schlegelhauf, Director of University Admissions, Northeastern University. He was ably backed by a select group of 48 well-known educators and businessmen, who gave freely of their knowledge and experience. It is gratifying to report that many of our visitors commented very favorably on both our excellent physical plant and on the high quality of the students.

In cooperation with the Guidance Department, the Student Council is preparing a student's handbook, to be called the "Blue Beacon". The guide book will contain information of great value to the entire student body and is expected to aid incoming freshmen to make the difficult transition from Junior to Senior high school more easily and successfully.

In addition to the activities already in progress, the Guidance Department plans a more complete testing program to further aid the student in making a more valid self-evaluation and to point the way toward a sounder educational or vocational choice for the years ahead. The basic Boston University Testing Bureau program is still carried on in the high school.

During the past year approximately 500 pamphlets, folders, etc., have been added to the vocational information library. This brings the total available to approximately 700.

We are constantly striving to increase the practical value of the guidance and placement services to the student by the use of classroom aids, movies, informational meetings and assemblies, field trips and conferences.

With the proposed allocation of additional time to the guidance program next year, increased services which accrue to the high school students and certain phases of the program will be extended to the seventh and eighth grades.

SUPERVISOR OF PHYSICAL EDUCATION AND SAFETY

You may recall that last year you were informed of the physical, social, emotional, and intellectual objectives to be gained through a well organized program. Today we can honestly say we are well on the way of reaching our goal and within two years our children will be offered a program equal to or better than other schools in this area. At the present time every school in the system has some equipment or supplies, and this eventually will give us the end results that we are endeavoring to reach.

Once again the residents of Wilmington had the opportunity of viewing the Annual Field Day, after a lapse of years. Over two hundred and fifty children took part in the festivities which are a demonstration of the work they participate in. Our May Queen, Miss Ann Branscomb was elected in a democratic manner by the students of the high school. Her court of eight girls, representing the four classes, were also elected by the students. I am sure you will agree with me that our children are worthy selectors with their votes. It would be unfair of me not to give public recognition of the assistance of Mrs. Corydon Coombs, Mrs. Wallace Barrows Jr., and Mrs. John Tobey for their part in making the field day a success. If the response of the parents is any indication I am sure that these programs will be presented regularly in the future.

Another step in the right direction has been taken at the high school where our girls are allowed to take physical education on an elective basis. Their program will consist of games of higher organization when weather permits, otherwise it will include periods of dance instruction, periods of safety education, and periods of safer school living.

I would like to remind you of the importance attached to physical education by the department of education;—85% of our colleges now make

this compulsory according to a recent survey. It does seem unfortunate that our college students have no gym facilities to better prepare them for higher education. Let us hope and pray that we may realize this soon, that our children may enjoy the facilities offered by ninety-nine percent of the high schools in the East. If we are to educate the whole child, then we must also have the equipment to offer him.

As an extra curricular program we now offer our girls in the high school cheerleading instruction, field hockey, basketball, and softball and we are being ably assisted in the coaching duties by Miss Mulcahey of our Commercial Department. The interest taken by the girls is shown by the large numbers active in these programs.

Safety Education

Endeavoring to give our children the best in a balanced program I have completed several courses in Safety Education, Methods in Health Instruction, and Safer School Living, at Boston University during the summer sessions. With the help of Mr. Good we intend to formulate a well organized program of Safety Education in the near future. As of this date we have made some progress along these lines. Firstly, with the purchase of sound equipment and, secondly, with the assistance of our police department and fire department.

Our first use of the sound equipment has been with the police department. Chief of Police Lynch has been very cooperative along these lines and has given us patrolman John Imbimbo as Safety Patrol organizer and, at other times, my co-worker in lectures and demonstrations to our school children.

The Police Department has been covering the more heavily travelled cross roads regularly and has been making spot checks on other dangerous less travelled roads at various times. We have given the children actual crossing of the road instruction assisted by our audio equipment. At various times we follow school patrols to and from school in order that we may instruct them properly on how to conduct themselves to and from school. Most of our time has been spent on primary grade children and bus riders. Another feature has been the surveillance of our skating areas. Here, too, the police and our local press have been very cooperative.

To you Mr. Good, to the members of the School Committee, to the faculty, and to the many parents who have given their wholehearted support to the fulfillment of our childrens needs, I thank you all.

SCHOOL NURSE

Thirty-two years ago I was privileged to be Wilmington's first public health nurse. At that time the school population was between seven and eight hundred, and school nursing was but one phase of the total public health nursing program. This program included pre-natal, infant welfare, school and tuberculosis nursing, as well as bedside care.

Public health nursing was just coming into its own. The First World War had revealed a high percentage of physical unfitness among the draftees, and public health nurses were committed to remedy this situation in the succeeding generation. To be sure, many aspects of the public health nursing program were still in the trail and error stage. This was particularly true of school nursing, where the program consisted chiefly of "health inspections" and teaching "health rules".

As the town grew, it was no longer possible for one nurse to carry the complete program, and a second nurse was employed by the School Department to devote two days a week to school nursing. Again it was my privilege to be Wilmington's first school nurse. Year by year the school population has increased, until today we have sixteen hundred and seventy-five pupils in ten bulging school buildings, and a full-time school nurse.

The school health program of today bears little resemblance to that of thirty-two years ago. Today, instead of teaching health rules by rote or by checking a chart, health education is done through co-ordination with the various health services. Thus, the casual inspections have been replaced by the best physical examination possible in our limited space and time. This examination has three objectives: first, to find physical defects which may keep the child from taking full advantage of the education offered; second, to interest the child in his own physical growth and development; and third, to teach that a periodic physical check-up by the doctor is one step toward maintaining good health and preventing illness.

Nutrition is taught, not only from textbooks, charts and posters, but by providing well-balanced hot lunches and a suitable place to eat them. Much remains to be done in this field, especially in some of the elementary schools, but progress has been made and we are conscious of the need for further improvement.

Patch testing for the early detection of tuberculosis, done with the assistance of the local Tuberculosis Committee, immunization clinics for

the prevention of diphtheria, whooping cough and tetanus, done in cooperation with the Board of Health, and the observance of quarantine rules, all are excellent opportunities for teaching prevention and control of communicable disease.

And last but not least, the dental clinic with its preventive program of fluorine treatments, and corrective dentistry in the first grade, is a practical demonstration in oral hygiene.

Through the years it has become evident that many children with average or superior intelligence fail to make the grade in school. By means of various tests and with the help of consulting psychiatrists much is being done to prevent these children from becoming problems and failures. Of great value in understanding these emotional and environmental problems was a course in mental hygiene which your school nurse attended at Simmons College. Extending as it did from February to June of last year, it gave opportunity for study and discussion of the problems frequently confronted in this phase of our work.

Again, the program of thirty-two years ago did practically nothing for the child from one to six. The assumption was that if he lived through the then hazardous first year of life he would in all probability continue on, and, therefore, could be overlooked until he was again brought under supervision in school. As a result many children entered school physically and emotionally unfit for their first great venture into the world outside of their home.

Today, more and more stress is being laid upon the importance of preparing the child for school. Pre-school registration does much to ease the stress and strain of the first day at school. It gives the teacher the necessary information about the child and at the same time leaves her free to carry on a helpful program from the very beginning of the first day.

Last year all children entering the first grade were previously registered by the school nurse. Through the cooperation of the parents, fifty per cent of them had had a physical examination by their family physician. The value of this examination cannot be overestimated. It brings to light physical defects which should be corrected before the child enters school. Furthermore, by recording the findings of this examination on the school health card provided for this purpose, the family physician gives us his estimate of the child's physical condition. This information is extremely valuable as a background for future examinations.

If pupils are to learn by doing, every health service offered must be a teaching experience and must be coordinated with health teaching in the class room. Obviously, the success of such a program depends on the combined efforts of the school administrator, the teachers, the parents, the school nurse and the school doctor, as well as close cooperation with the Board of Health.

Optimum health for every child is more than a good slogan. It is a must, if education is to fulfill its function of developing good citizens capable of shaping their own lives and providing the strong leadership needed in the world today.

Planning and carrying on the school health program during the past year has included the following:

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| Visits to Schools: | 680 |
| Conferences | 306 |
| Visits to Homes | 363 |
| Office Visits | 177 |
| Trips to the Rheumatic Fever Clinic at N. R. S. S. | 43 |
| Trips to Lowell Hospital | 3 |
| Trips to Boston | 1 |
| Participation in Immunization Clinics | 6 |

Vision test given with Massachusetts Vision Test to all children in grades I-IV-VIII plus all those in other grades who had failed the Snellen Chart test given by the teachers.

Group audiometer hearing tests given to pupils in grades IV through XII plus individual audiometer tests to all who failed in group tests.

And finally, consistent follow-up of the defects found, toward adequate correction wherever possible.

For the splendid cooperation of the Superintendent of Schools, the teachers, the parents and all who helped to make the school health program effective, I am deeply grateful.

DIRECTOR OF READING

In the past we have had no basic method of teaching reading in our schools. This, plus the overcrowded classrooms and terrific teacher load has caused an accumulation of reading failures. We know that every

pupil, slow or rapid learner, must learn to read, write, spell, compute and solve problems, and speak the mother tongue with reasonable grace and fluency in accordance with his mental capacity.

Most of us are of the opinion that Reading failure is one of the most troublesome problems involved in the whole curriculum. Certainly it is one of the most important.

We know that to remedy any situation we must get to the source. Reading failure has its origin often before a youngster comes to school. Our job commences when he enters first grade to see that he is not exposed to printed matter before he is ready to read. Since we do not have a kindergarten we must expect the first grade teacher to develop the reading readiness skills. Orderly, systematic development of reading techniques is of paramount importance; haphazard use of several methods leads only to confusion and emotional conflict.

More time should be spent on getting experience and developing a generous fund of meanings for oral language, in finding more things to talk about and read with. To read with experience, not with eyes will pay dividends later.

In the beginning, then, we teach youngsters to read by teaching them to talk. Chronologically, oral language is a youngster's first language activity. Making use of the oral language of the children in conversation, reports and discussions of their everyday experiences is the best way, and at the beginning the only effective way, to build vocabulary. While they are in the talking and listening period the teacher must be alert to see that the meanings of words commonly used are adequately developed without interfering unduly with spontaneous and natural expressions of the children.

After speaking and listening, we begin our reading by reducing the oral language to printed symbols on the blackboard, on a chart, a class newspaper, or for seat work. The teacher must be careful to build up secure mastery of common words that can be used as a sight vocabulary. Vocabulary must of necessity be increased very slowly to enable the youngster to make every word his own.

As systematic instruction progresses, the pupil must develop methods of word recognition, train his eye sweep and fixations, and develop accuracy in moving from line to line. This is gained in large part by the use of much easy reading material based upon a vocabulary familiar to the pupil, with some direct suggestions by the teacher as to

the method of developing this technique. This is a point at which haste often makes waste. It is better to take plenty of time to establish correct habits at the outset; then there will be fewer remedial reading cases later on.

We have inaugurated this year the beginning of a systematic phonetic training program that can go along with any basal reading system. The phonetic devices, or exercises are being used in Grades 5 and 6 at the present time and will be used in all grades where a child has a sight-vocabulary large enough for him to read with some facility. Words illustrating the sounds are built out of the materials taught. Since Spelling is a transfer skill it also must grow out of the same material taught. The symbols or phonograms should be introduced one at a time, and not too frequently. Lack of system and hurried teaching may do more harm than good.

In these few months, under your leadership Mr. Good, we have been inspired to work toward a better educational program. The first step was to install a complete testing program by means of which we shall know pupil assessment. All grades from 8 down through 1 have been tested since September 1, 1951. On the basis of achievement and intelligence tests as well as consideration of the pupil as a whole, we have been able to arrange Grades 5 and 6 as homogeneously as possible. We sincerely feel that the students are placed where they will profit the most educationally. Students who show a weakness in the reading area are now placed with teachers who are spending a great deal of time on phonetics, word recognition and word attack skills. These teachers are catering to individual differences and are teaching the youngsters at their own rate of learning. They are doing a fine job.

As the pupil shows progress we change our standards of expectancy. Modern research shows that the first three years are years where the language arts are closely knit. After we adopt a basic reading system in our lower grades we shall be able to work with uniformity and continuity. Along with this Mr. Good, it is gratifying to know that you have adopted a writing system which will go along with our beginning reading. For years I have been hoping for this very thing. Experience has proven that reading, handwriting and spelling are closely related and are correlative growths especially in the primary grades.

After the first three years of oral reading and building the foundations for what is to come, we think of the next three grades, 4, 5 and 6 as those where we stress the content subjects. I believe it is one of our aims to revise our Course of Study where we will have the opportunity to initiate a Unit-Activity Program.

Beyond the 6th grade it seems logical that the continuity of the Unit-Activity Method would be the integral part of our Reading Program.

This method takes care of individual differences and seems to be the best professionally approved method. By this method each and every student can contribute according to his reading ability, age level, mental age, intelligence and interests. To make this method a success, a variety rather than a complete set of books for each class is a necessity. By use of various materials the student develops the ability to exercise critical analysis by comparison of various authors and their concepts or opinions.

Any Citizenship Training in our democracy involves critical thinking and problem solving situations. The Unit-Activity Program to be effective must have the attention of every teacher in all subject fields from grades 1 through 12. By this method we will teach more than reading words; we will emphasize and teach reading for meaning.

This change in methodology will become possible only under your guidance Mr. Good. The re-building of a Course of Study to meet the needs of our community is a terrific job, but these few months have shown that we are off to a good start.

It has been really wonderful to work with such a fine group of teachers. Without their cooperation and ambition results would be nil. I am especially grateful to the teachers who have assumed the task of working with the Remedial Reading groups. The rapid progress these youngsters have made, is, in itself a reward.

Mrs. Nichols, our school nurse has followed up every case with utmost efficiency and interest. By means of our testing we have detected several students with speech handicaps who could not profit by remedial instruction. She has taken them to the various clinics for further diagnosis and in time we will look forward to these children when we can help them educationally. Presently they are at Child Guidance Clinics where speech or psychiatric therapy are being applied. These youngsters are mentally average or above, but do not respond to educational teaching until their particular handicap is corrected.

The Principal of each building has done everything possible to make this testing program a success. I am grateful to Mrs. Liston, Principal of my official billet. She has made me feel a sense of belonging, which is most necessary for the happiness of children and teachers.

It goes without saying Mr. Good that I deeply appreciate working under the Supervision of such a gentleman as you and whose educational ideals are wholeheartedly for the interests of our community and our children.

Last but not least is the deep gratitude I feel for the powers behind the throne; the Members of the School Committee. Over a period of years they have remained constant in their support of me.

SUPERVISOR OF ART

A great part of a child's life revolves around experiences in school. Music lessons, poetry, prose and social studies are among their exciting experiences. As art is a process of giving personal statement to experience it is necessary to fuse this branch of studies with other subjects in the curriculum. There is a tendency for art to flow from subject to subject until its identity as a separate unit is dissolved. After a child goes somewhere or does something he must make his own summary in his own manner. He must not be given models to follow, patterns, hatched outlines or other forms of copying which cause confusion and prevent him from developing his own ideas—thus any profit from his personal experience will have disappeared. The young student in Wilmington has been encouraged to create his own compositions and designs. Creative projects that have been carried out this past year include personal and imaginary experiences, community projects plus holiday and collective topics.

Spring and fall exhibits were held in all schools during Open House nights sponsored by the Parent-Teacher Association. The grade teachers worked diligently to arrange and present art work from each child in her charge. An additional exhibit was held in three of the high school display cases with all fifth and sixth grade students in participation. Eight charts were made depicting the primary and secondary colors, each having from fifty to one hundred examples of value of the hue.

The high school art students presented a "Block-Printing Workshop" during the November Open House. Students were on hand to demonstrate the various steps in the blockprinting of Christmas cards. Many individually designed cards and envelopes were on display at this time.

The first six grades and special classes were visited once in two weeks, at which time an art lesson was conducted and plans left for the continuance of art with the grade teacher. Grades seven and eight in the Junior High School were visited and lessons conducted once a week.

Monday has been "Art Day" in the Senior High School and those students with an available period have been permitted to take art in the student activity room.

I am deeply grateful for the fine cooperation received from the School Committee, from you, Mr. Good and the faculty.

SUPERVISOR OF MUSIC

The aim of music in the public schools is to instill in the child a love, desire, and an understanding of good music.

In the primary grades, music consists mainly of rote songs, games, dances, rhythmic expression and a brief introduction of basic note reading.

The elementary music program recognizes a wider range of study and the beginning of practical problems in note reading. Two and three part music is introduced in grades five and six respectively.

The Junior High School program is a continuation of elementary music, plus the introduction of the bass cleff to the changing boys' voice.

All High School music is elective. The Music Appreciation class meets once a week. Our aim is a greater understanding and appreciation of music from the old masters to our present day modern composers. High School Glee Club is held twice a week during first lunch hour. We have a combination mixed glee club, a girls' glee club and a Sophomore choir. I wish it were possible to accept all of the students who elected to become members of the glee club last September, but because of the lack of an auditorium this was impossible. Our present glee club consists of eighty-three students. It is my earnest hope that in the near future we may have a regular class period for this very important function.

During the school year of 1950-1951 it has been the pleasure of the music department to install in each and every school of this system a phonograph machine and records. This would not have been possible without the complete cooperation of the parents in attending performances presented by the school children.

This school year also brought forth the following programs in which the music department participated:

Grade Schools:

Mothers' Club Programs
Spring Festival

Junior High School:

Operetta—"Tom Sawyer"
Graduation
Senior High School:
Wilmington Woman's Club
P. T. A. Concert
Spring Concert
Farewell Program for Mr. Bean
Graduation
Open House Concert
Christmas Program—St. John's
Hospital Fund

May 1, in conclusion, thank the parents, school committee and faculty members for the complete cooperation extended to me. To you, Mr. Good, I am most appreciative of your kindness, advice and understanding of our present day problems.

MEMBERSHIP BY AGE AND GRADE, OCTOBER 1, 1951

| Grade | Age - Grade Distribution | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | Totals |
|----------|--------------------------|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|----|----|----|------|--|--|--|--------|
| | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 | 9 | 10 | 11 | 12 | 13 | 14 | 15 | 16 | 17 | 18 | 19 | | | | | |
| 1 | 37 | 135 | 21 | 1 | | | | | | | | | | | | 194 | | | | |
| 2 | | 37 | 114 | 25 | 1 | 1 | | | | | | | | | | 178 | | | | |
| 3 | | | 23 | 125 | 36 | 10 | | | | | | | | | | 194 | | | | |
| 4 | | | | 33 | 91 | 33 | 6 | 1 | | | | | | | | 164 | | | | |
| 5 | | | | | 21 | 81 | 35 | 7 | 4 | 1 | | | | | | 149 | | | | |
| 6 | | | | | | 24 | 61 | 23 | 5 | 2 | 2 | | | | | 117 | | | | |
| 7 | | | | | | | 21 | 78 | 26 | 8 | 4 | | | | | 137 | | | | |
| 8 | | | | | | | | 1 | 28 | 71 | 20 | 6 | | | | 126 | | | | |
| 9 | | | | | | | | | 22 | 65 | 23 | 6 | 1 | | | 117 | | | | |
| 10 | | | | | | | | | | 21 | 55 | 31 | 4 | 2 | | 113 | | | | |
| 11 | | | | | | | | | | | 15 | 51 | 9 | 6 | | 81 | | | | |
| 12 | | | | | | | | | | | | 16 | 57 | 13 | 1 | 87 | | | | |
| Ungraded | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | 19 | | | | |
| Total | 37 | 172 | 158 | 184 | 149 | 151 | 127 | 142 | 130 | 121 | 108 | 104 | 71 | 21 | 1 | 1676 | | | | |

School - Grade Distribution

| | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 | sc | 9 | 10 | 11 | 12 |
|----------------|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|----|-----|-----|----|------|
| West | | | | | | | | | | | | | 44 |
| Maple Meadow | 23 | 21 | | | | | | | | | | | 85 |
| Mildred Rogers | 25 | 23 | 18 | 19 | | | | | | | | | 204 |
| Walker | 56 | 49 | 57 | 42 | | | | | | | | | 174 |
| White Field | 48 | 44 | 38 | 44 | | | | | | | | | 170 |
| Center | 42 | 41 | 47 | 40 | | | | | | | | | 72 |
| Buzzell | | | | | | | | | | 19 | | | 266 |
| Jr. High | | | | | | | | | | | | | 263 |
| High School | | | | | | | | | | | | | 398 |
| Total | 194 | 178 | 194 | 164 | 149 | 117 | 137 | 126 | 19 | 117 | 113 | 81 | 87 |
| | | | | | | | | | | | | | 1676 |

WARRANT FOR ANNUAL TOWN MEETING

To Harry J. Ainsworth, Constable of the Town of Wilmington:

Greetings:

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts and in the manner prescribed in the By-Laws of said Town, you are hereby directed to notify and warn the inhabitants of the Town qualified by law to vote in Town affairs to meet and assemble at the

HIGH SCHOOL CAFETERIA

MONDAY, the 3rd DAY OF MARCH, A. D. 1952

at 9:45 o'clock in the forenoon, the polls to be opened at 10:00 A.M. and shall be closed at 8:00 P.M., for the election of Town Offices.

ARTICLE 1. To bring in your votes on one ballot respectively for the following named Offices, to wit: One Selectman for the term of three years; two Members of the School Committee for the term of three years; one Moderator for the term of one year; one Member of the Wilmington Housing Authority for the term of five years; one Member of the Wilmington Housing Authority for the term of three years; (unexpired term), one Member of the Wilmington Housing Authority for the term of one year: (unexpired term).

You are also hereby further required and directed to notify and warn the said inhabitants of the Town of Wilmington who are qualified to vote on elections and Town affairs therein, to assemble subsequently and meet in Town Meeting at the Villanova Hall, Middlesex Avenue, in said Town of Wilmington

on

MONDAY, the 10th DAY OF MARCH, A. D. 1952

at eight o'clock P. M.

then and there to act on the following Articles:

ARTICLE 2. To hear the reports, of Committees and act thereon.

ARTICLE 3. To see how much money the Town will appropriate for the expenses of the Town and salaries of the several Town Offices and Departments and determine how the same shall be raised, whether by taxation, transfer from available funds or

otherwise, each item to be taken up and voted on separately, subject to amendment, or do anything in relation thereto.

ARTICLE 4. To see how much money the Town will vote to raise and appropriate to be expended by the Town Manager for temporary cost of living increases in the compensation of all Town Officers and Employees, other than School Department Employees, or do anything in relation thereto.

ARTICLE 5. To see how much money the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for Departmental Unpaid Bills of previous years. Submitted by the Town Accountant.

ARTICLE 6. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Town Treasurer, with the approval of the Selectmen, to borrow money from time to time in anticipation of the revenue of the financial year, beginning January 1, 1952, and to issue notes therefore payable within one year, all in accordance with Section 17, Chapter 44, of the General Laws. Submitted by the Town Treasurer.

ARTICLE 7. To see if the Town will authorize the Selectmen to sell at Public Auction in the evening, properties taken by the Town under Tax Title foreclosure procedure and to execute all documents necessary to carry out the purpose of the vote and determine how said sale shall be advertised and conducted or do anything in relation thereto.

ARTICLE 8. To see if the Town will vote to amend Paragraph 6 of Section 4 of the Zoning By-Laws by adding at the end thereof the words: "fire and police stations, highway department buildings and other public buildings," or do anything in relation thereto. Submitted by the Board of Selectmen.

ARTICLE 9. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of One Hundred Dollars (\$100.) or some other amount, the money to be expended under the direction of the 4-H Town Committee, serving in co-operation with the Middlesex County Extension Service, under the provisions of Sections 40 to 45, Chapter 128 General Laws of Massachusetts. On request of the 4-H Committee.

ARTICLE 10. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Five Hundred Dollars (\$500.) for the observance of Memorial Day, and that the Moderator appoint a Committee who shall arrange and have charge of such observance, or do anything in relation thereto. Submitted by the Board of Selectmen.

ARTICLE 11. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Seven Hundred Fifty Dollars (\$750.) for the purpose of renewing under the authority of Section 9 of Chapter 40 of the General Laws as amended the lease of the American Legion Clubhouse in Wilmington for the purpose of providing suitable headquarters for the Wilmington Post of the American Legion, or do anything in relation thereto. On petition of John H. Tautges and others.

ARTICLE 12. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Seven Hundred Fifty Dollars (\$750.) for the purpose of renewing under Authority of Section 9 of Chapter 40 of the General Laws as amended, the lease of the Veterans of Foreign Wars Clubhouse on Main Street in Wilmington for the purpose of providing suitable headquarters for the Wilmington Post of the Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States, or do anything in relation thereto. On petition of John F. Vadaikes and others.

ARTICLE 13. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Seven Hundred Fifty Dollars (\$750.) under authority of Section 9 of Chapter 40 of the General Laws as amended for the purpose of providing suitable headquarters for the Wilmington Chapter 106 of the Disabled American Veterans, or do anything in relation thereto. On petition of Ernest M. Crispo and others.

ARTICLE 14. To see how much money the Town will vote to raise by taxation, or transfer from available funds, and appropriate for the purchase of two "Walters Snow Fighters", complete with scraper and plow and sanding equipment for the Highway Department, or do anything in relation thereto. Submitted by the Town Manager.

ARTICLE 15. To see how much money the Town will vote to raise by taxation, or transfer from available funds, and appropriate for the purchase of a front-end loader for the Highway Department, or do anything in relation thereto. Submitted by the Town Manager.

ARTICLE 16. To see how much money the Town will vote to raise by taxation, or transfer from available funds, borrowing or otherwise, and appropriate for the purpose of providing suitable quarters for the Highway Department, or do anything in relation thereto. Submitted by the Town Manager.

ARTICLE 17. To see if the Town will vote to accept the following streets as laid out by the Board of Selectmen and approved by the Planning Board: Davis Road for a distance of 500 feet from Main Street; Lang Street for a distance of 500 feet from Bancroft Street to the Boston and Maine, Portland Division Railroad tracks; Sprucewood Road for a distance of 600 feet from Shady Lane Drive to Short Street; Grand Street for a distance of 850 feet from Forest Road south to 102 feet beyond Hunt Place; Bancroft Street for a distance of 400 feet from Liberty Street; a continuation of Adams Street for approximately 800 feet; Birchwood Road for a distance of 600 feet north from Shady Lane Drive; a continuation of Cunningham Street approximately 500 feet to Essex Street; a continuation of Hobson Avenue for approximately 150 feet beyond Wiser Street and to raise by taxation or transfer from available funds and appropriate the sum of Eight Thousand Dollars (\$8,000.) for the purpose of putting said streets into passable condition, or do anything in relation thereto. Submitted by the Town Manager.

ARTICLE 18. To see if the Town will vote to accept the following streets as laid out by the Board of Selectmen and approved by the Planning Board: Woodlawn Avenue for approximately 250 feet from Main Street and Glendale Circle, or do anything in relation thereto. Submitted by the Town Manager.

ARTICLE 19. To see if the Town will vote to install street lights in the following streets:

| | | | |
|-----------------|------------|----------------|------------|
| Concord Street | — 5 lights | Woburn Street | — 2 lights |
| Williams Avenue | — 3 lights | Marjorie Road | — 5 lights |
| Cedar Avenue | — 2 lights | Grant Street | — 2 lights |
| High Street | — 1 light | Fairfield Road | — 3 lights |
| | | Cypress Street | — 1 light |

On petitions of residents of these streets.

ARTICLE 20. To see if the Town will vote to raise by taxation, or transfer from available funds, and appropriate a sum of money to purchase a new fire truck including the necessary fire apparatus, for use of the Fire Department, and authorize the trade-in of a present fire truck as credit toward such purchase, or do anything in relation thereto. Submitted by the Town Manager.

ARTICLE 21. To see how much money the Town will vote to raise by taxation, transferring from available funds, borrow

ing or otherwise and appropriate for the purpose of providing a suitable building for housing the Fire and Police Departments, including purchase of land if necessary, or do anything in relation thereto. Submitted by the Board of Selectmen.

ARTICLE 22. To see if the Town will vote to raise by taxation, or transfer from available funds, and appropriate a sum of money for the purchase of a new police cruiser and authorize the trade-in of the present cruiser as credit toward said purchase, or do anything in relation thereto.

ARTICLE 23. To see how much money the Town will vote to raise by taxation, or transfer from available funds, and appropriate for the purchase and installation of a two way radio communication system, or do anything in relation thereto. Submitted by the Town Manager.

ARTICLE 24. To see if the Town will vote to accept Section 16C of Chapter 147 of the General Laws which reads: Section 16C — "Members of the Police Department of every city or town which accepts this section by vote of the city council, subject to the provisions of the charter, or by a vote of the town at an Annual Town Meeting, by vote of the voters thereof as hereinafter provided, shall be excused from duty for two days out of every seven without loss of pay." On petition of Paul J. Lynch and others.

ARTICLE 25. To see how much money the Town will vote to raise by taxation, or transfer from available funds, and appropriate for the purchase and installation of fluoridation equipment and materials for use in the public water system, or do anything in relation thereto. Submitted by the Town Manager.

ARTICLE 26. To see if the Town will vote to raise by taxation, or transfer from available funds, and appropriate the sum of Thirty Thousand Dollars (\$30,000.) for the purpose of extending public water mains in Hillside Way to the Town Line, in Eames Street to Main Street, in Washington Avenue for a distance of 1,100 feet, in Wiser Street and Hobson Avenue for a distance of 2,000 feet, in Laurel Avenue for a distance of 600 feet, and in Jacquith Road for a distance of 1,000 feet, any money remaining after completion of these streets to be spent on installing water mains in Shady Lane Drive. All streets to be restored to the same or equivalent condition prior to these installations, or do anything in relation thereto. Submitted by the Water Main Extension Advisory Committee.

Town Clerk

ARTICLE 27. To hear the report of the School Building Committee appointed pursuant to vote adopted at the Town Meeting of December 17, 1951, and to see what action the Town will take with reference thereto, and to see what amount, if any, the Town will vote to appropriate to carry out the recommendations of the Committee, and to determine how the same shall be raised, whether by taxation, borrowing, transfer from available funds or otherwise, or do anything in relation thereto. Submitted by the School Building Committee.

Hereof fail not and make due return of this Warrant, or a certified copy thereof, with your doings thereon, to the Town Clerk, as soon as may be and before said meeting.

Given under our hands and seal of said Town this.....Day of February, A.D., One Thousand Nine Hundred and Fifty Two.

- Kenneth M. Lyons
- Charles H. Black
- Frederic P. Melzar
- Joseph H. Woods
- James H. Lawler

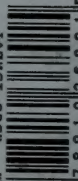
SELECTMEN OF WILMINGTON

ATTEST:



ANNUAL REPORT of the
TOWN OF WILMINGTON
For the Financial Year Ending December 31
1952

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